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New Hope For Your Skin

RELEASE ORDER FOR AZAD AND JAWAHAR

Delhi Embarks On Partial Jail Delivery

Maulana Azad.

Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru,

Bombay Leads Rest In Amnesty Move

REPATRIATION FOR DEOLI DETENUS

No Political Appeasement, But A Win-The-War Drive

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

The Government of India, confident in the determination of all responsible opinion in India to support the war effort until victory is secured, have reached the conclusion that those Civil Disobedience prisoners whose offences have been formal or symbolic in character can be set free.

Effect will be given to this course as soon as possible.

There are Provinces in which the numbers and local conditions may mean delay; but before the end of the year the Government of India hope that throughout India practically all such persons will have been set free.

JAWAHAR AND AZAD

With them there will be released also Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.—A. P.

AZAD AND JAWAHAR FREE

LUCKNOW, Dec. 3.

According to a Lucknow message, the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru are believed to be amongst the first to be released in accordance with the decision of the Government of India.

It is understood orders have been issued for their release to-morrow morning. Maulana Azad is now in Naini Central Jail and Pandit Nehru in Dehra Dun.—A. P.

BOMBAY TO RELEASE 335 PRISONERS

In pursuance of the decision of the Government of India that those civil disobedience prisoners whose offences have been formal or symbolic in character should be set free, the Government of Bombay is issuing orders releasing 208 convicted Satyagrahis and 127 persons who are under detention for having given notice of their intention to offer Satyagraha.

Tinkering With Jail Delivery

Provincial Governments Adamant

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

Delay in announcement, disappointment at the restriction of scope to Satyagraha prisoners only and the inevitable sense of futility owing to the absence of any sign of a new political move for ending the deadlock are responsible for the note of pessimism in comments on Government's announcement.

The number of prisoners who will be released according to the announcement will be about 5,000.

The reason for spreading the process of release up to the end of December appears to be to prevent public demonstrations consequent on the release of the large number at the same time.

It is safe to assume that official circles do not expect any spectacular results from the release of Congress prisoners, but Government's decision appears to have arisen from two considerations—firstly, desire to make a suitable preliminary gesture on behalf of the new expanded Council, secondly, help British propaganda in America on Indian policy. there is no disposition in any quarter to build large hopes on this action of Government but it is expected, Gandhiji will, for the time being, observe truce and enable the A.I.C.C. to review the position.

According to talks here, the new Indian members of Government would have liked general release of all political prisoners, but evidently, provincial Governments have been for the present unwilling to release detenus and other classes of political prisoners. Still it is now practically certain that Detenus at Deoli will soon be repatriated to their provinces.

Sop To Congress And A Bargain For War Effort!

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

Though jaded by premature forecast, non-official opinion here welcomes with pleasure the announcement of the decision to release Satyagrahi prisoners. Full credit is given to the Viceroy and the Expanded Executive Council for their courageous statesmanship, firmness, patience and persistence in pressing the case on Whitehall.

Non-official circles nevertheless do not disguise their disappointment at the delay—it is fifteen days since the Home Member stated in the Assembly that the whole matter was receiving careful and sympathetic consideration—and at the limited number

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CITY REACTIONS TO POLITICAL AMNESTY

The news of the impending release of political prisoners "whose offences have been formal or symbolic in character" was received with mixed feelings by Congress circles in Bombay. While some people felt that it might mark the beginning of a reorientation of Congress policy, others felt that everything depended on Gandhiji's reaction. In this connection, pointed attention is drawn to the fact that Gandhiji had already expressed himself against any distinction being made between one class of political prisoners and another in respect of their inclusion in the amnesty.

PATIL AND DONGRE

In the meanwhile, it is understood that the Government communique announcing the releases does not by itself make any difference to the plans with regard to the conduct of Satyagraha in the city. Mr. S. K. Patil and Mr. S. D. Dongre propose to offer Satyagraha on Saturday next.

"FIRST STEP"

Mr. K. M. Munshi, told a representative of the "Bombay Chronicle":—"Like the London "Times" I hope the release of political prisoners is the first step in a constructive policy of seeking the spontaneous co-operation of India."

FOR GANDHIJI TO DECIDE

Mr. S. K. Patil said:—"I am not surprised by Government's communique because public opinion in this country was prepared for it for the last few weeks. Whether this gesture will affect the policy of the Congress or not is for Gandhiji alone to say. As a disciplined Satyagrahi I am not personally affected by this decision of Government. So long as the call either of temporary suspension or withdrawal of Satyagraha movement does not come from Mahatma Gandhi it is the bounden duty of every Satyagrahi to continue as before.

As Gandhiji has already put it, the gesture of Government loses all its grace in view of the invidious distinction that is sought to be made between the civil disobedience and other political prisoners."

PUNJAB STANDS IN WAY

Release Of Lahore Conspiracy Case Prisoners In U. P.

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 3.

Referring to cases of Messrs Jaidev Kapoor, Shiv Varma and Gayaprasad (Lahore Conspiracy Case prisoners) Mr. R. S. Pandit interviewed said that they had already spent twelve years in prison when he met them at Lucknow.

The United Provinces Government urged their release but the Punjab Government would not agree.

Some Conspiracy Case prisoners were released on account of ill health but these three men were kept in prison.

Rangoon Rocked

RANGOON, Dec. 2. (Delayed).

Two earthquake shocks of considerable intensity, one following the other in quick succession, rocked Rangoon at about ten tonight (B. S. T.).

No damage has, however, been reported so far.—A. P.

For Ghosts—Not Live Men

Jawaharlal On Talk Of Parliamentary Activity

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 3.

Interviewed by our correspondent Mr. R. S. Pandit, who returned from Dehra Dun Jail gave some very important indications regarding what Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru thinks about the political situation. He said that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru considered it absurd and ridiculous to talk of Parliamentary activity in connection with the attendance at the sessions of the Central Legislative Assembly and to have to listen to the offensive and insulting harangues of the Home Member. This was a throwback of the mind not only to the world of yesterday but to an age which was dead, past recall.

Pt. Jawaharlal said that only ghosts could function in this way not live men and women with active, determined minds.

Jawaharlal Stands By Mahatma

Mr. Pandit said Pt. Jawaharlal was of the opinion that Gandhiji's present policy was basically sound and Pt. Nehru supported Gandhiji 100 per cent in his (Gandhiji's) present fight against British Government. As matters stood Pt. Nehru did not see any necessity for a revision of Congress policy. He had not advised Gandhiji to revise that policy.

Questioned what would be his attitude if Pt. Nehru was released Mr. Pandit said it was not possible to state exactly what he would do. If Pt. Nehru were released, the whole policy might be reviewed and Pt. Nehru would undoubtedly participate in discussions. In the course of these discussions anything might arise. That might lead to modification or intensification of the present policy. That would depend on the members of the Working Committee.

DEOLI DETENUS TO BE REPATRIATED

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

THE "UNITED PRESS" LEARNS THAT IT HAS BEEN DEFINITELY DECIDED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO REPATRIATE THE DEOLI SECURITY PRISONERS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVINCES OR PROVINCES UNDER WHOSE WARRANTS THEY WERE ARRESTED.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD SHORTLY BE MADE FOR REPATRIATION AS SOON AS THE AFTER-EFFECTS OF THE HUNGER-STRIKE WEAR OFF.—United Press.

Nawab Of Bhopal For Delhi

BHOPAL, December 3.

Accompanied by Mr. K. A. H. Abbasi, Political Member, His Highness the Nawab of Bhopal left for Delhi this evening to attend the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes.

His Highness will also participate in the talks which, it is learnt, the Select Committee of the Chamber of Princes will have with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.—A. P.

LABOUR THREAT TO CHURCHILL

New Councillors' Move To End Deadlock

Clarification Of Poona Offer As Basis Of Parleys With Congress

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

I am able to gather that efforts of the new Indian Members of the Viceroy's Council will be directed in the immediate future to three ends:—

Firstly, complete Indianization of the Council, including the appointment of an Indian Defence Member.

Secondly, fresh declaration by the British Government regarding India's status in post-war constitution with a definite time limit and

Thirdly, restoration of ministries in the provinces on a coalition basis.

Regarding the Centre, it is said that the present Indian members have told the Viceroy that if representatives of major political parties are prepared to accept office, they will vacate their seats to enable the Viceroy to form a new Council.

Government's difficulty with reference to the Poona offer is said to be that Congress has not pledged according to the terms of the resolution whole-hearted cooperation in war effort by the National Government, when it is established.

An attempt may be made to secure the re-statement of Poona offer in order to make the point clear that the proposed National Government will help in the prosecution of war with full energy, so that it can be made the basis for negotiation for reconstituting Central Government with representatives of major political parties. "The next move lies with the Congress" seems to be the opinion at the moment in New Delhi.

According to anticipations here, Viceroy's forthcoming speech at Calcutta will largely be a review of India's war effort and contain nothing striking on the political situation.

WHITEHALL'S ANXIETY

Amery May Visit India To End Deadlock

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 3.

The reported release of Pt. Nehru and Maulana Azad has raised high hopes in Parliamentary circles here that the Imperial Government will make every effort in the next three or four weeks to resolve the Indian deadlock.

In this connection, a visit by Mr. Amery to India early in 1942 is not ruled out.

Friends of India suggest perhaps it is advisable that Sir Stafford Cripps should also be sent to India.

EXTENSIVE BREACHES ON S. I. R. MAIN AND CHORD LINES

MADRAS, Dec. 3.

A fierce gale swept over Madras last night.

The city has been experiencing the heaviest spell of rain of the year since midnight on Monday, which gradually developed into storm which raged violently from about 5 p.m. yesterday till about 2 a.m. this morning.

Telegraph and Telephone lines were cut off and a number of avenue trees were uprooted in various parts of the city.

Over three inches of rain were recorded from 2 p.m. yesterday till 4 a.m. to-day.

The island ground is a vast sheet of water and low lying areas are badly waterlogged.

A big tree fell on the railway line near Avadi obstructing the trains coming to Madras last night.

All mail and express trains from Trichinopoly and beyond due to arrive at Egmore, Madras, this morning had not arrived by 2 p.m., to-day and there is no information as to when they will reach Madras.

Enquiries at the South Indian Railway offices, Madras, show that all communications, railway, telegraph and telephone, have been cut off beyond Villupuram since last night, due presumably to breaches and flooding caused by heavy rains and storm.

No information is available at present as to how long the interruption will last.—A. P.

Breaches On S. I. R. Main And Chord Lines

VILLUPURAM, December 3.

Extensive breaches, interrupting the through running of trains

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ANOTHER NAZI OFFICER SHOT

Strict Curfew Measures Enforced In Paris

VICHY, Dec. 3.

General Von Stuelpnagel, the Nazi Commander of Occupied France announced to-day that another attack on a German officer was made in Paris last night.

The officer was shot with a pistol. The announcement says that no arrests have been made. Strict curfew measures are being applied to the District concerned and more serious measures against the population are threatened.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

U. S. Legislation To Control Strikes

WASHINGTON, December 3.

The House of Representatives has tentatively approved far-reaching legislation to control strikes.—Reuter.

"LEASE AND LEND" FOR TURKEY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.

President Roosevelt announced that Turkey has been brought into the benefits of the Lease and Land Act.—Reuter.

BATTLE OVER MAN-POWER PLANS

NATIONALISATION SHOULD PRECEDE CONSCRIPTION

LONDON, Dec. 3.

Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent writes:—

Before the resumption of the debate on the Government's new conscription proposals in the House of Commons to-day, Labour Party members met in a private session to consider their attitude.

The Parliamentary Labour Party is not entirely of one mind in regard to the Government's man and woman power policy announced yesterday:

A section of that party wants what it regards as equality of treatment for all—conscription of property and wealth as well as of men and women, and withdrawal of Mr. Attlee, Mr. Greenwood, and Mr. Bevin from the War-Cabinet, if they do not get it.

The Party has held two meetings for a complete survey of the whole situation, and has now postponed further until to-morrow a decision on the policy to be adopted towards the Government bill which will follow the three-day man-power debate now in progress.

A minority in the Parliamentary Labour Party would also like to see public ownership and control of transport, mines and munitions industries.

On the other hand, Conservative members, while whole-heartedly supporting the Government's proposals to conscript men and women, take a firm line against any further attempt by the State to take over industry and property. They point out that with 100 per cent excess profits tax and income-tax up to 196 in the pound and with the Government empowered to take over any property they like for war purposes, there is already sufficient State control. They are anxious that the present moment should not be used by the Labour Party to attempt to put across nationalisation without any mandate from the country.

On the resumption of the House of Commons debate to-day Mr. Ellis Smith speaking for the Trade Unions Labour Party, and the Co-operative Movement, said: "Our attitude is that further measures for the organisation of man-power are inevitable. But in order to secure the real maximum effort, it is essential that as a corollary there should be greater development in the direction and control of industry and more efficient organisations of national activities.—

Labour Attitude Critical in Detail

LONDON, Dec. 3.

Sir John Anderson's speech which sought to show that conscription of wealth can take more forms than that envisaged by the Labour Minority will be discussed by the resumed labour meeting to-morrow.

Comments heard after the speech suggested that while the Labour Party as a whole is not likely to subscribe to the minority view, their attitude remains critical in detail. They appear not satisfied with any questions of organisation and production—their attitude for some time past. Their uneasiness on these important questions may well be reflected in the party attitude towards the Man Power Bill. These discussions and criticisms cannot affect the stability of the Government in the Commons. The Prime Minister yesterday invited full and free expressions of opinion on the Government scheme. He is receiving them now.—Reuter.

Call For State Control Of Key Industries

LONDON, Dec. 3.

Reuter's Lobby correspondent writes:—

A fresh amendment has been put down by 30 Labour backbenchers calling for State control of Britain's key industries in the War. This is a substitution for

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Dated 4th Dec. 1941.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, under Section 465 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, that it is the intention of the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay to take into their consideration at their Ordinary Meeting proposed to be called for MONDAY, the 2nd February, 1942, or for such subsequent date as may hereafter be notified, draft of the following new Bye-law No. 10-A to be incorporated in the Schools Committee's Bye-laws:—

"10-A. The Schools Committee shall have the power of transferring Budget Grants of the School Fund from one head to another as may be deemed necessary by them from time to time."

2. The Corporation will before finally approving the said draft Bye-law No. 10-A, receive and consider any objection or suggestion which may be made in writing by any person with respect thereto before the day of the said Meeting.

3. Any person desiring to object to the said draft Bye-law on giving written notice to His Worship the Mayor of the Corporation not less than 10 days before the day of the said Meeting, of the nature of his said objection will, by himself or his Counsel, Attorney or Agent, be heard by the Corporation thereon at the said Meeting, but not so as that more than one person be heard on the same matter of objection.

4. A printed copy of the draft Bye-law is kept at the Office of the undersigned for public inspection and any person who wishes to peruse the same will be permitted to do so during Office hours free of charge.

5. Printed copies of the draft Bye-law will also be delivered to any person requiring the same on payment of a fee of anna one per copy.

By Order,
S. N. DAMLE,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 2nd December, 1941.
(6690)

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for posts of SUB-INSPECTOR in the Bombay City Police Force. Full particulars as regards qualifications, etc., and terms of appointment will be found in this office Notice No. 15372|177, dated the 25th November, 1941, published on pages 4263-64 of the Bombay Government Gazette, Part I, of the 27th November, 1941.

Applicants should state in their applications their date of birth, chest and height measurements, educational qualifications and caste.

Applications should be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Divisions (I) (and not to any one by name) and forwarded so as to reach this Office on or before the 20th January, 1942.

No application which does not give the full particulars called for in the aforesaid notice will be considered.

NOTE:—Original Certificates and Testimonials should be produced only at the time of interview, and, if forwarded with applications, will not be returned.

J. C. WILSON,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
Divisions (I).

Head Police Office:
Bombay, 27th November, 1941.
(6669)

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BOMBAY

NOTICE.

In accordance with By-law No. 1 of Section IV of the College By-laws, it is hereby notified, for information, that a Meeting of the Fellows of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay will be held at the College at 5-45 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 9th January, 1942, for the election of three members of the College Council

D. K. BHARUCHA.
Secretary.

45, New Marine Lines,
Bombay, 4th December, 1941.

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NOTICE TO JURYMEN

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the ADJOURNED CRIMINAL SESSIONS of the High Court will resume its sittings on Thursday, the 4th December, 1941, at 10-45 A.M (S.T.).

T. SINCLAIR KENNEDY,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 3rd December, 1941
(6628)

G. I. P. RLY. TIME TABLE

SUBSEQUENT to the publication of the December, 1941, issue of the Two anna time table, a few changes have been made in the timings of main line, suburban and Harbour branch trains.

Details of the changes are Notified at Stations on Notice Boards for the information of Travelling Public.

(6700)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE.

TENDERS for the supply of firewood for cremation purposes at the (1) Haines Road, (2) Bhoiwada No. 46 and (3) Tank Bunder Cemeteries for one year from 1-3-1942 will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay on 17-12-41 not later than 1 P.M. (B.T.).

Tenders must be enclosed in a sealed envelope which should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner, endorsed 'TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF FIREWOOD TO THE CEMETERIES" and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay.

Forms of Tender, specifications etc. will be given to any one on payment of Rupee one only by the undersigned from whom further information can be obtained.

By order of the
Municipal Commissioner
B. C. DAS GUPTA,
Executive Health Officer
Public Health Department,
Municipal Offices,
25th November, 1941.
(6666)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. KHARASHANKER JESHTHARAM also called KHARASHANKER JETHARAM has contracted to sell to our client the property described in the schedule hereunder written.

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Dated this 3rd day of December, 1941.

DAPHTARY FERRIERA & DIVAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(6699)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

SUIT NO. 1333 of 1940

RAMGOPAL BANSIDHAR and Another ..... Plaintiffs
Versus
NAVRANGRAI BACHRAJ and Others ..... Defendants.

To,
BHAIRUNDAN BACHRAJ
LADURAM son of Navrangrai Saraf
and
PARASRAM son of Dhunraj
The Defendants No. 4, 6, & 8 abovenamed.

WHEREAS the abovenamed Plaintiffs have filed a plaint in this Court 'inter alia' against you the abovenamed Defendants claiming from the Defendants 1 to 8 as the adult male members of the joint and undivided Hindu family mentioned in the plaint the sum of Rs. 2301-15-0 with interest on Rs. 2,249-12-0 at the rate of 6% per annum from the 13th day of July, 1940, till Judgment costs and further interest, you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court on the 7th day of January, 1942, at eleven O'clock (Standard Time) in the forenoon, in person or by an Advocate duly instructed by an Attorney of this Court and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence;

WITNESS, Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 15th day of August, 1940.

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI,
For Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

Sealed

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI.

The 16th day of August, 1940.
Messrs. MALVI RANCHODDAS & CO.,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.
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KARJAT FARMERS TO CALL CONFERENCE

To Find Out Ways & Means To Combat Famine Havoc This Year

(From Our Correspondent)

KARJAT, Dec. 1.

A meeting of the Managing Body of the Karjat Taluka Farmers' Union was held in the premises of the Union at Karjat to consider the urgent necessity of calling a Farmers' Conference immediately as the famine has played a havoc this year.

The Conference is to be called at Karjat and will be held in the shady place surrounded by mango trees and Mr. P. V. Gadgil the Editor of the 'Lokmanya' a leading Daily will be invited to preside. All the prominent public workers from the district will be invited as guests.

For this purpose all the leading workers will be on tour over the whole of the Taluka for the propaganda work of the undertakings of the Conference and it is hoped that the Conference will prove a success.

'Give Concessions To Bhivandi Farmers'

The cultivators of Bhivandi Taluka are in a desperate condition due to the destruction of the crops of the paddy this year. It is therefore absolutely essential that they should be given some concessions by the Zamindars.

HOLI TROUBLE ECHO

Twelve Convicted At Howrah

CALCUTTA, Dec. 2.

Moulvi Badruddin and eleven others were sentenced by the Assistant Sessions Judge at Howrah to various terms of rigorous imprisonment ranging from four to six months on a charge of rioting. One of the accused was further found guilty of assaulting police officers on duty and was sentenced to two years' hard labour. Three of the fifteen accused on trial were found not guilty and acquitted.

The prosecution case was that while a "Holi" procession was passing along a street in Bally, Howrah, accused Badruddin came up to the police officers on duty and complained that the processionists had sprinkled coloured water on his garments. The police officers tried to pacify him, but he went away shouting that the Hindus were carrying it to excess. Soon after the processionists were attacked by a Muslim mob. The police intervened and some of them received injuries. A section of the mob then attacked the Hindu workers' lines of a jute mill, injuring some of the workers.—A. P.

ALL MARRIAGES MUST BE REGISTERED

LAHORE, Dec. 2.

Every marriage solemnised in Lahore will be registered in future by the Municipal authorities if the new Municipal bye-laws which have been framed by the administrator of the municipality are finally adopted.

Any person who fails to register his or her marriage will on conviction by a magistrate be punishable with fine which may extend to Rs. 50, according to these bye-laws.—A. P.

U. P. LEAGUE CONFERENCE

LUCKNOW, Dec. 2.

The Provincial Muslim League Conference will now be held this year at Agra on March 1, 2 and 3 during Holi holidays, instead of on December 24 and succeeding days, as already announced. A decision to this effect was arrived at a special meeting of the provincial executive of the Muslim League.

The Working Committee allowed the Hardoi League to hold a conference and accepted the resignation of Khwaja Vasuddin from the Provincial League.—A. P.

Amenities For Soldiers In Baghdad

BAGHDAD (By Mail.)

Some four hundred members of the British forces in Iraq thronged the premises of the Soldiers' United Service institute on its opening night recently.

The institute, which was opened by the Force Commander Lt.-Gen. E. P. Quinan, in the presence of Lady Cornwallis and a distinguished gathering, will be a popular centre for Indian and British troops.

The British community in Baghdad has rallied round to assist in providing amenities for the troops and in the opening night ladies served tea and cakes to all. They also ran the booths where a wide variety of articles may be brought at less than shop prices.

The Indian Association is undertaking the job of lookin after the Indian supper rooms.

The club building itself was placed at the disposal of the army.

Speeding Up Air Services

CALCUTTA, Dec. 2.

The route mileage of the British airways at present was greater than it was before the war, while the aircraft mileage was almost the same, said the Hon. W. L. Runciman Director-General of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, in an interview.

Mr Runciman said that there was no technical reason why they could not design and operate aircraft which would be capable of doing this distance between Karachi and London in total of twenty flying hours. That would, however, depend on very highly specialised aircraft and the public demand for it as well as the money available for maintaining such service.

Mr. Runciman will shortly proceed to Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. He had been out from home on the last day of July and spent most of the time in Africa north, south, east and west, a good deal of time in the Middle East round about Cairo and proceeded as far as Iran and Iraq.

The situation in Iran he remarked, was quiet and life was remarkably normal.—A. P.

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BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, December 3

Following a rise of 14 points in New York cotton futures the local market was due to open at Rs. 244 for Broach A/M delivery but as a result of sharp rise in gold and silver leading to inflation, the market opened firm at Rs. 246/8 and advanced to Rs. 251/8 under active buying and covering. At the rise there was some realising and reacted to Rs. 249/8. The undertone was firm.

Later on the market was quietly steady and Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 249/4 but improved to Rs. 251 on persistent support. To-day 5350 bales of Oomra and 250 bales of Bengal were tendered and the market outlook remained constructive. The market again improved to Rs. 251/4 but reacted to Rs. 250. The market finally closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

BROACH April/May	Rs.	250	0 0
OOMRA Dec/Jan		213	8 0
OOMRA March		201	0 0
BENGAL Dec/Jan		151	4 0
BENGAL March		155	0 0

COTTON TENDERS.

Bombay: Dec. 3.

	Bales.
Bengal	250
Oomra	5350

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, December 3

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P	154	152	150	147	
M G Punjab	154	152	150	147	
M G Oomra No. 3	219	216	213	210	
M G C P No. 1	244	241	238	235	
M G C P No. 2	230	227	224	221	

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, December 3

Ready and Delivery Contract New:
Bengal Fine Old 136-37 Ready 146
Ternz Old 185-85 Dec Par Jan —2
C. P. 1 Old 222-25 Dec +23 Jan+21
C. P. 2 Old 185-90
Khandesh Old 145-55
Muglai Old 160-65
Broach Old 206-11
Broach Low Old 161-66

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, December 3

Wheat January	0	3 6
Wheat May	0	11 0
Linseed May	1	2 0
Groundnut February	3	12 0
Castorseed May	6	0 0
Cottonseed January	1	8 0
Silver 2nd settlement	1	14 0
Gold 1st settlement	1	12 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, December 3

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales.

	Yesterday.	This year	Last year
Khandesh	157	2,387	9,224
Central India	86	2,564	1,403
Barsi and Nagar	404	10,357	4,089
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	123	717
Berar	101	12,743	16,478
Central Provinces	198	4,819	244
Total Oomras	945	32,993	32,155
Dholeras	.....	11,306	2,237
N W Provinces	.....	949	3
Rajputana	64	131	266
Sind-Punjab	5,661	95,075	99,505
Broach	312	12,903	4,179
Coompta & Dharwar	51	4,858	18,631
Westerns-Northerns	.....	5,331	16,434
Cocoanada	.....	.....	179
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	.....	6,820	522
Total	7,034	170,366	174,132
Arrived by road to 20th November 1941	.....	10,500	14,000

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

F P Bales	1941-42	1940-41
Receipts to date 2-12-41	1901000	2038000
Receipts yesterday 2-12-41	30000	11000
Export to date 28-11-41	466000	479000
Stock at Ports 28-11-41	3398000	3199000
Stock at Interior Towns 28-11-41	3337000	3254000
Quantity in sight 28-11-41	5712000	5902000

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, December 2

Broach A/M highest 242 1/2 lowest 237 3/4 closing 242

Oomra D/J highest 206 1/4 lowest 201 closing 206 1/4

Oomra March highest 193 3/4 lowest 187 3/4 closing 193 3/4

Bengal D/J highest 144 1/2 lowest 142 closing 144 1/2

Bengal March highest 148 lowest 145 closing 147 3/4

PERSISTENT SUPPORT ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Cotton Price Can Reach 21.70 Cents

ACTIVE TRADE AND SPECULATIVE BUYING

Bombay, December 3

On Tuesday, the New York cotton market was firm on active and persistent buying influenced by the passage of the Price Control Bill.

A Washington cable states:

The emasculated price control bill passed Friday's tumultuous session of the House and marked the administration defeat on a very important issue except the final passage. The Senate Banking Committee may start hearings next week but the bill will not possibly become law until at least late in January. The House bill retains the prohibition of the establishment of farm price ceilings below the 1919 to 1929 ten year average despite the criticism that it would permit certain farm prices to rise as much as thirty per cent. Its advocates conceded it would allow cotton to reach 21 cents but argued that huge supplies would prevent such an increase. At present the bill provides these alternate farm price ceilings.

TEXTILES ACTIVE

There is revival of activity in textiles and last week's spinners takings are the second large of the season.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened unchanged with March 16.39 and under persistent buying prices advanced to 16.54 which was the highest level for the day. The market closed at a net rise of 10 to 17 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 5 points at 17.57c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly firm with active buying and closed at a rise of 13 to 19 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 14 points at 16.78c per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state: Market seems to be a purely sentimental affair. It spurted by Rs. 6 yesterday, assisted by the continued speculative rise in linseed, wheat, groundnut, gold, yarn and shares. The recent inaction by the Government of India's conference on price control of wheat, yarn and cloth has given a strong impetus to this heavy accumulation of speculative contracts. Should this continue uninterruptedly, cost of living index will rise. This may again force Government of India's attention to devise fresh means to control this effectively to enable the consumers an equilibrium between wages and cost of living. No one desires unremunerative prices for farmers but such unhealthy speculative hoarding is not conducive to a normal domestic consumption. With regard to spot situation, a continued demand for staples with firmer basis remains whilst non-staples are a drug on the market.

Concerning Jap-American negotiations, the latest cables from Washington and Tokio are extremely conflicting and confusing to draw any final conclusion. Japan has not still replied to Mr. Hull's memorandum and wants to continue the talks and her delegates in Washington say they have not yet given up hope whilst President Roosevelt has asked an immediate clear explanation over Japan's increased forces in Indo-China, should the talks to continue further and materialise successfully. This is entirely a market of sentiment versus politics capped with high explosives and it is difficult to express any decisive opinion as most of the local operators are dabblers on prices other than facts.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (3 p.m.)	16.54+15
New York March lowest (10 a.m.)	16.39

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Active trade and speculative buying. Sellers holding back

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, December 2

December	16.25+10
January	16.31+14
March	16.53+14

SHARP RISE IN GOLD AND SILVER PRICES

Active General Buying

BOMBAY, Dec. 3.

The local Bullion Market was in a mood of great excitement with active general buying. Prices registered sharp advances and option dealers were free buyers.

For the past few weeks gold was gradually going up as a result of dried up supplies and general sentiment being bullish large scale call option was being done and sellers of "call rights" were forced to buy on a rising market. This buying hardened prices.

But Silver was neglected and prices were maintained under Rs. 63. London Bombay parity is about Rs. 62/10 and the Bank used to supply bazar requirements. But the Reserve Bank announced that it is prepared to sell silver from Government stocks at the Bombay Mint in bars or cut coin at its option in quantities equivalent to not less than 25 bars for any single transaction at the rate of Rs. 62/4 per 100 tolas fine. But this morning the bazar was full of rumours and the market became erratic. It was said that dealers were not given 99 per cent fine and were supplied 91.60 per cent fine. This lead to the belief that stocks of 99 per cent was small and there was a rush of buyers and prices advanced to Rs. 65 and with appearance of realising declined to Rs. 64/12. Gold prices also firmed up about one rupee per tola at Rs. 47 and later steadied at Rs. 46/12.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London Spot and forward silver was quoted at 23 1/2d and New York Spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents.

The local market is highly speculative and erratic price movement is expected.

Later on there was increased realising and silver declined to Rs. 64/7 and gold eased off to Rs. 46/6. Closing quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	46	8 0
Magsar		46	8 0
Posh		46	8 0
Sovereigns		31	8 0

SILVER

Ready		64	9 0
Magsar		64	9 0
Posh		64	11 0

COTTON PARITY.

Broach A/M below New York May 726 cent points at 331.

May	16.67+17
July	16.68+16
October	16.70+15
Middling Spot	17.57+05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, December 2

December	16.32+13
January	16.35+13
March	16.58+14
May	16.70+15
July	16.78+7
October	16.93+19
Middling Spot	16.78+14

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, December 2

Noon call

December	unquoted
March	16.46

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTIC

New York, December 2

Day's receipts at all U S Ports 30,000 bales

Indian Stock Exchange

Bombay, December 3

The market ruled firm to-day in sympathy with other markets. Tata Deferreds opened about Rs. 15 higher at 2200 and touched 2215, but finally stood at 2190. Tata Ordinaries also opened higher at 410 and moved up to 412, but closed finally at 408. Mill shares also were firm. Bombay Dyeings opened about Rs. 20 higher at 1385 and finally receded to 1370. Indian Irons were better off at 36.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:

Tata Deferreds (2185) 2200 2215 2200 2190
Tata Ordinaries (408) 410 412 408
Tata Ordinary 408; Tata Deferred 2190; Indian Iron 36; Steel Corpn of Bengal 22/2; Bombay Dyeing 1370; Central India 400; Century 438/12; Gokak 296/4; Kohinoor 520; Simplex 200; Andhra Valey 1750, Tata Hydro 186/4; Tata Power 1717/8; Associated Cement 165; Belapur 245; Bombay Burma (old) 530.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 3.

2 3/4 per cent 1938-57 Loan 98-1
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 96-0
3 per cent 1951/52 Loan 99-12
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 100-0
4 per cent 1961/70 Loan 111-1
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-13
3 per cent War Bonds 102 0
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 114-13

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-12
4 per cent 1953-3 Mysore 106
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 128-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURE

4 per cent B P T 1947 110-8
4 per cent M Deb 1947 110 8
5 per cent M Deb 1965 116-8
6 per cent M Deb 1954 129 0
6 per cent K P T 1956 129 8
Trend: Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, December 3

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 1/4 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 Four months.
B C RATES:
T T 1/6 15/16, D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32; D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 1/8
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs 328 1/2
Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2.
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 295 3/4
Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47.
JAVA:—
Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57 1/2; D D Gld 57 1/2
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62.
JAPAN:—
Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 1/2 1/2.
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
Cross Rates Fcs 17 30/40.
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 16.85/95.
SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 158; D D Rs. 158
Banks buying T T Rs. 155; D D Rs 155
Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 5/32 7/32
HONGKONG:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 85 1/4; D D Rs. 84 1/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 81 1/2; D D Rs. 81 1/2.
Cross Rates Sh. 1/3 1/32
SHANGHAI:—
Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 0-3 3/16
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
Cross Rates Pec. 19 5 21.5.
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100.20
NEW YORK:—
Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8/8/0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call unquoted
1 to 2 months 1/4 per cent.
3 to 6 months 1/2 per cent.
9 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Easy.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 28th day of Nov. 1941:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Dept.	11,72,07,000	
Notes in circulation:—		
(a) Legal Tender in India	207,76,78,000	
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	19,65,54,000	
Total Notes issued		319,14,39,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		319,14,39,000

ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—		
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000	
(b) Held outside India		
Sterling Securities	180,65,34,000	
TOTAL OF A.		225,06,77,000
B. Rupee Coin		37,59,80,000
Govt. of India Rupee Securities		56,47,82,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial paper		
TOTAL ASSETS		319,14,39,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 70.522 per cent.

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 28th Nov. 1941:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Govt. of India	8,49,22,000
(2) Government of Burma	3,23,40,000
(3) Other Govt. accounts	5,35,71,000
(b) Banks	47,30,59,000
(c) Others	4,30,03,000
Bills Payable	72,84,000
Other Liabilities	1,80,06,000
RUPEES	81,21,85,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	11,50,47,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	21,60,000
Rupee Coin	10,69,000
Subsidiary Coin	5,67,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	
(b) External	
(c) Government Treasury Bills	6,99,000
Balances held abroad*	59,83,30,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	
Other Loans and Advances	
Investments	8,16,22,000
Other Assets	1,26,91,000
RUPEES	81,21,85,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay, December 3

Yarn No. 6 1/2s December 233 February 234 April 235
Yarn No. 10 1/2s December 271 February 272 April 273
Yarn No. 20 1/2s December 498 February 476 April 464
Yarn No. 40s December 580 February 585 April 590.
Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s, 40s, are nominal.

FURTHER RISE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Mill Shares React From New High Levels

REALISING SALES ABSORBED SCALE DOWN

Bombay, December 3

The local share bazar opened firm with active buying and prices were quoted considerably higher. It appeared as if prices would be pushed up considerably but the opening rise attracted general realising and prices assumed sagging tendency. The market was broad with increased activity.

Yesterday the Wall Street market was firm with general buying and U. S Steel shares closed at a rise of 1 1/2 at 52. Anaconda Copper Mining shares gained 3/8 at 27 1/2 and General Motors improved 1 1/2 at 36 3/4 dollars.

In the local market, Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 2345 and declined to Rs. 2335 while Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 437 and after advancing to Rs. 438 reacted to Rs. 436 and steadied at Rs. 438. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1502 and after advancing to Rs 1505 declined to Rs. 1492.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, December 3

Bombay Dyeing (1480) 1500 1495 1505 1492 1497 1485 1487
Century (531) 539 540 531 536 529 530
Central India (513) 523 520 521 515 522 512
Kohinoor (628) 637 638 633 636 633 635 629 630 629
New Gerat (398) 403 412 404 414 408 410
Simplex (269) 274 277 273 276 270 272
Swadeshi (575) 576 578 562 578 569 571 564
Associated Cement (178) 180 178
Tram Ord (172) 171
Tata Hydro (190) 190
Tata Power (1825) 1825 1830
T Steel Defd (2316) 2345 2340 2335 2347 2332
T Steel Ord (430) 437 434 438 433/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (155/8) 155/12
Bellapur (334) 344 337 329 325 330 327
B Steam (452) 430
B Burma (585) 602 590 586

Century Mill shares opened at Rs. 540 and after declining to Rs 531 improved to Rs. 535. Kohinoors were steady at Rs. 633. Nagpurs after being done at Rs. 523 declined to Rs. 517. New Greats opened at Rs. 407 and after advancing to Rs. 412 declined to Rs. 404. Swadeshi Mills after advancing to Rs. 579 eased off to Rs. 569 and Simplex were quoted at Rs 273 after reaching the high level of Rs. 277. Bellapurs rose to Rs. 340 but declined to Rs. 325 while Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 602 and sagged to Rs. 597. Associated Cements after touching Rs. 180 were done at Rs. 179. There was scattered liquidation and Defds were quoted at Rs. 2332/8 and Ordinary shares were placed at Rs. 435, while Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1487/8. The undertone was good and all realising sales were absorbed scale down.

TEXTILES

Bombay, Dec. 3.

100 Ahmedabad Advance		397	0
250 BOMBAY DYEING	.....	1487	0
100 CENTURY	.....	530	0
100 Colaba	.....	316	0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	.....	512	0
100 Cooria	.....	280	0
250 Davia	.....	400	0
250 Dawn	.....	70	0
1 E. D. Sassoon Defd.	.....	4	2
100 FINLAY	.....	351	0
100 GOKAK	.....	338	0
1000 Hindustan	.....	29.0	0
150 Indore	.....	338	0
100 Khatau	.....	340	0
100 KOHINOOR	.....	629	0
250 LAXMI	.....	848	0
100 MORARJI	.....	685	0
250 Model	.....	246	0
50 MYSORE	.....	132	0
200 NEW GREAT	.....	410	0
400 Oosmanshahi	.....	253	0
100 Podar	.....	280	0
100 Phoenix	.....	482	0
25 Sassoon Silk	.....	106	0
1000 Sholapur	.....	1120	0
50 SIMPLEX	.....	272	0
100 SWADESHI	.....	564	0
100 SWAN	.....	357	0
500 Vishnu	.....	18	0
1000 Western	.....	2080	0
BANKS			
50-100 Baroda	.....	1.8	0
25-50 Central	.....	54	0
500 Imperial	.....	1632	0
125-500 Imp Conty	.....	405	0
50-100 India	.....	150	0
100 Reserve Bank	.....	114	0
5 Union	.....	7 7	6
CEMENTS			
100 ASSOCIATED	.....	178	0
INSURANCE			
10-50 British India	.....	13	0
100 Empire	.....	727	0
15-100 Jupiter	.....	18	4
20 Mercantile	.....	18	8
15-75 New India	.....	59	8
200 Oriental	.....	482	0
10-50 Vulcan	.....	11	6
ELECTRIC			
100 Ahmedabad Old	.....	188	0
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	.....	1762	0
10 Ajmir	.....	15	4
50 BOMBAY TRAM	.....	172	0
100 Bombay Suburbar	.....	188	0
10 Broach	.....	13	6
100 Karachi	.....	217	0
100 Poona	.....	22	0
100 Surat	.....	190	0
100 TATA HYDRO	.....	190	0
1000 TATA POWER	.....	1830	0
RAILWAYS			
500 Ahmedabad Prantij		877	0
100 C. Province	.....	111	0
100 Dhond Baramati	.....	104	4
100 Gujarat	.....	105	0
100 Mandra Bhon	.....	100	0
100 Pachora Jamner	.....	97	8
100 Sara Sirajuani	.....	107	0
500 Tapti Valley XD	.....	647	0
MININGS			
8 Burma Corp.	.....	4	11
8sh. Indian Copper	.....	2	6
10 Indian Iron and Steel	.....	35	2
30 SHIVRAJPUR	.....	54	8
10 Sidhond Tin X D	.....	14	0
30 TATA STEEL DEF.	.....	2312	0
75 TATA STEEL ORD.	.....	433	0
10 Steel Corporation	.....	22	2
MISCELLANEOUS			
100 ALCOCK	.....	635	0
10 Air Services	.....	2	14
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	.....	327	0
200 Bombay Safe Dep.	.....	650	0
250 BOMBAY STEAM X.D.	.....	430	0
100 B. Burma	.....	585	0
50 Contry	.....	186	0
8sh. Br. B. Petrol	.....	3 11	3
100 IND. BLEACHING	.....	292	0
50 Ind. Invest Trust	.....	57	8
100 Indian Radio Def.	.....	660	0
100 Indian Radio Ord	.....	630	0
100 Pork Canning	.....	93	0
30 PREMIER Con X.D.	.....	137	0
15 Scindia	.....	27	2
20 Tata Oil	.....	66	8
10 Tata Chemical	.....	18	6
100 Wimco	.....	227	0
PREFERENCE			
7 p.c Andhra Valley	.....	1560	
6 p.c Bombay Steam	.....	325	0
7 p.c Bom Tram (TF)	.....	79	0
5 p.c Central India (TF) X.D	.....	645	0
6 1/4 p.c Prem Const 2nd	.....	116	0
6 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	.....	155	12
7 1/2 p.c Tata Power X.D	.....	1655	0
6 p.c Tata Steel 1st	.....	216	0
7 p.c Bom Tram (TF)	.....	79	0
7 p.c Vishnu	.....	746	0
DEBENTURES			
3 3/4 p.c Andhra Valley Deb	.....	90	4
4 p.c Bombay Telephone	.....	104	0
5 p.c Morarji	.....	104	0
7 p.c Sholapur	.....	71	8
7 p.c Tata Hydro	.....	105	8

Cash quotations were as under:—

BOM DYEING 1365 CENTURY 439, CENTRAL INDIA 403 COLABA 212, FINLAY 259 GOKAK 291 KOHINOOR 523 MORARJI 565, MYSORE 175, NEW GREAT 283, PHOENIX 472, SIMPLEX 280 SWADESHI 750 SWAN 244 ASSOCIATED 165 ANDHRA VLY 11750 BOM TRAM 145 TATA HYDRO 194 TATA POWER 1715 SHIVRAJPUR 98 TATA STL DF 2200 TATA STL OR 408 ALCOCK 575 BELAPUR SUGAR 242 BOM STEAM 357 BOMBAY BURMA 517 IND BLEACHING 190 PREMIER CONST 119

LONDON SEEDS

London, December 2

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Barletta Russo Dec/Jan sellers	22/3
South Australian Dec/Jan sellers	21/6

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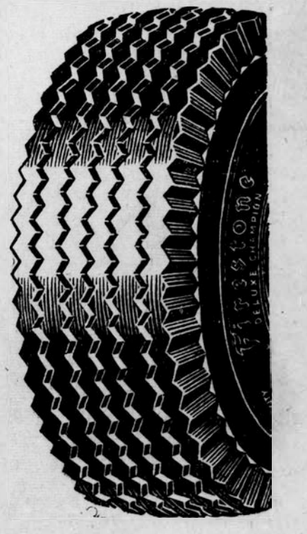

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PROTEST AGAINST BURMA RICE CONTROL SCHEME

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BUT PREMIER OF BURMA ADAMANT

Vali Mahomed Dada's Graphic Account Of Deputation's Talks

The Committee of the Conference of the Rice Merchants' Associations of India, Burma and Ceylon met yesterday evening in the Hall of the Indian Merchants' Chamber. Mr. Vali Mohamed K. Dada, leader of the Deputation gave an account of the work done by the Deputation in this regard. His speech is published below. The Deputation met the Commerce Member of the Government of India on 28th October who showed considerable sympathy and encouragement towards the cause espoused by the Deputation, namely, the presentation of grave difficulties in the way of trading in rice in Burma under the Control Scheme proposed to be enforced by the Burma Government. The Deputation also proceeded to Rangoon and had several discussions with the Rice Controller and the Premier and other Ministers of State. The activities of the Deputation were fully described to the Committee by the Leader of the Deputation, whose speech appears below.

Gentlemen,

I am deeply obliged to you for responding to our request at such a short notice and taking the trouble to attend this meeting. I must apologise to you for any inconvenience that this short notice may have caused to you. You will, however, agree with me that the problems with which we are faced in Burma are of such supreme importance in the interests of our trade in that country as require immediate decision. That is my only justification for requesting you to meet here in such a short time.

The Committee of the Conference appointed, as you know, a Deputation to see the Commerce Member of the Government of India and to submit to him the case of the rice trade in connection with the Rice Control Scheme. It also asked the Deputation to take such other steps as may be considered desirable to protect the interests of the trade. Our energetic and vigilant Honorary Secretary, Mr. Mahomad Hussein, has already sent to you the relevant papers in connection with the case submitted by the Deputation to the authorities in India and to the Ministers and the Controller in Burma. This has considerably lightened my task to-day. As the leader of the Deputation, I shall, however, offer a few remarks in regard to the work that we have done and propose to draw your serious attention to the problems which await our most earnest consideration.

COMMERCE MEMBER'S SYMPATHY.

We submitted a Memorandum of our case to the Honourable the Commerce Member of the Government of India and waited upon him on the 28th of October. Mr. Master had kindly consented to be our spokesman and I am happy to inform you that he represented our case with tact and ability. The Commerce Member listened to us with patience, and asked us to explain a number of points affecting our position and interests in the trade and assured us that he would do his best to protect our position and interests in the Burma rice trade. There were two points on which his assurance greatly encouraged us. He was of the opinion that the Control in any case should come to an end with the end of the hostilities. He also told us that there would be no justification for bringing in new shippers under the cloak of Control. He added that he would see that the position of established shippers in the trade was not interfered with. We also pointed out to him that the statement of the Government of Burma in the telegram to the Government of India that the Indian exporting houses were persistently non-co-operating with them was not in accordance with facts and that we would be proceeding to Burma to interview the Ministers and the Controller and to submit the case of the trade to them also. The Commerce Member advised us that we should do so at the earliest opportunity and that we should see him again and acquaint him with the result of our interviews in Burma.

I cannot conclude this portion of my speech without expressing our deep sense of gratefulness to the Commerce Member for his sympathy and encouragement in this matter and to our colleague Mr. Master for having given such a masterful exposition of our case as to make a deep impression on the Honourable Member.

Our Deputation reached Rangoon on the 12th November. We sent in advance to the Government of Burma a copy of the Memorandum which we were going to submit to them on the 14th of that month. We met the Acting Premier, the Commerce and the Finance Ministers, the Controller and other Secretaries on the 14th November. Representatives of the Burma Indian Chamber and the Burma Rice Merchants' Association were also good enough to join our Deputation in these interviews and talks.

Mr. Master here also explained our case to the Premier and his colleagues. Mr. Karanjia, the ex-President of the Burma Indian Chamber also took an active part in pointing out the difficulties of the trade to the Government. The Honourable Sir Paw Tun treated us with great courtesy and consideration. His remarks were very conciliatory and persuasive. The main burden of his song was that we should trust in his bonafides and work the Scheme of Control. We pointed out to him how the Scheme was full of uncertain factors for the trade and how it would consequently make it impracticable for us to do our business. He suggested that we should discuss the details of the Scheme with the Controller and should meet him again thereafter.

THREE INTERVIEWS.

The Deputation had three long interviews each lasting over three hours with the Controller where the Scheme was examined clause by clause. We all explained to the Controller how it would make it impossible for us to carry on our business and how some of its features would involve us in heavy loss. The Controller could not assure us that the Control would not last longer than the period of the war. He could not promise that it was the intention of the Control not to bring in new shippers He could not convince that the stability in prices would be maintained. With a view to help the Control, we suggested that there should be linking up of buying and selling at the same time and at the same rate. We added that the Permit to export rice in the case of such linking up of buying and selling should be given after formalities for control had gone through. The Controller was not prepared to do so. He laid down the extraordinary condition that an exporter, before buying any parcel of rice, should inform the Controller that he was going to buy such a quality of rice from such a party at such a rate. Even after such information was given the exporter could not be sure that the export permit would be given to him. The Controller may have to liquidate his own holdings. These holdings would get the first preference. The Controller told us that he would charge a minimum fee of 2 per cent. in case such linking up of buying and selling was made. This would mean a revenue of Rs. 50 lakhs for the Control. He told us that he wanted to charge this fee to meet the cost of the Administration of Control. The cost of this Administration, as intimated by him, would be about Rs. 6 lakhs per annum. The revenue which he, however, would derive from this minimum fee of 2 per cent. would come to about Rs. 50 lakhs. As the implications of such a step would obviously be clear to you, I shall not enlarge upon them. A question, however, was definitely put to the Controller whether this fee of 2 per cent. would remain constant. The Controller clearly stated that he could not guarantee that that fee would remain constant. On the contrary, he told us definitely that the fee might be increased to 4 per cent or 5 per cent. or even it may be raised higher than that. There were two other aspects of this question which came up pointedly during our talks with the Controller. As these questions seriously concern the trade, I would like to refer to them at this stage. The first was the Controller's desire to liquidate the entire crop of this year's rice to overseas markets. He told us that in case he wanted to send a larger quantity of rice than that which was sent or which normally went to an overseas market, he would deliberately lower the prices and would dump such quantity of rice in those markets. We wanted him to realise how this would bring down the value of the large stocks which we, as Indian exporters, would be holding both in Burma on the one hand and India and Ceylon on the other. The second was the question of the allocation of space. He himself read to us an extract from the letter which the Conference Lines had addressed to the Controller. The Conference Lines made it clear to him that they would not agree to allow the Controller the right to allocate space on their ships. He, however, told us that he would like to have that right. It is not difficult to understand how this would seriously affect our position. We also pointed out to him the difficulties that would be experienced in allocating space to the party who sold to him F.O.B. as it was likely that he would not be an established shipper. Although it seemed to us from the sympathetic attitude which the Controller had adopted in this connection at one stage that he would allow the Conference Lines to allocate space and that we would be able to obtain space for our exports, later on, when he met us on the 20th, he definitely told us that it was the decision of the Government of Burma that the space would be controlled by the Controller and would be allocated by him and not by the Shipping Companies.

PREMIER'S PLEA FOR A CHANCE.

We considered the result of these talks at several meetings and decided to submit a statement to the Acting Premier pointing out to him how it would not be practicable for us to do our business with any reasonable margin of freedom under the Control. That statement was read by the Honorary Secretary when we met the Acting Premier and his colleagues on the 22nd November. The Premier went over the statement paragraph by paragraph. He appealed to us to give him a chance to work the Scheme and assured us that our apprehensions would disappear when the Scheme was actually in operation. Mr. Master once again dealt with all the points raised by the Premier and requested him to put a little confidence in the bonafides of the exporting houses and to remove such features in the Scheme which prevented the trade from doing business with a fair margin of freedom under the Control. Mr. Master did his best to remove the misapprehension from the minds of the Premier and his colleagues that the Deputation were actuated by a feeling of non-co-operation and that they objected to the Control as such. He pointed out to them that although the type of Control which the Government of Burma wanted to adopt, where the State alone was the buyer and where the State alone was the seller and where the State alone had the right to allow or to disallow the export of rice from Burma, was quite different from the usually recognised form of control and was equivalent to State trading, the Deputation were anxious to meet the Government in a reasonable way to enable them to achieve the objects which the Government of Burma had in view, but they were anxious to see that it was possible for them under this Control, to carry on with a reasonable margin of freedom their business as practical businessmen. Mr. Mattani and I also stressed these points and assured the Premier that we were perfectly willing to co-operate and that we would do so but we were anxious to see that the carrying on of our business did not become impracticable under the Scheme they had in view. The strongest point in the reply of the Premier was his assurance that he would see that these difficulties did not arise and his strongest appeal was that we should trust him. Although he told us that we were taking an extreme view on the subject of prices, he made it clear to us that they would deliberately lower prices when they wanted to export a larger surplus of rice to a particular overseas market than what that market took or usually absorbed. We pointed out the serious manner in which this would affect our trade and bring down the value of our stocks. We pointed out to him with all the emphasis at our command that it would be almost impossible to carry on our trade with such uncertain factors as deliberate lowering of prices by the Control and the raising of his minimum fee beyond 2 per cent. in such a manner to such an extent and at such a time as he would like to raise. We were surprised to learn from the Controller that he would destroy the surplus rice It was pointed out to him that even if such surplus came to 2 lakhs of tons, the Government of Burma would lose about 5 crores of rupees. Such destruction would defeat the object which the Scheme had in view. Sir Paw Tun told us that the Government of Burma would store the rice or would take any other step to deal with it. We drew his attention to the fact that such a large surplus stored in Burma of old rice when the new crop would come in would seriously affect the prices which Burma rice would obtain. Here also the object of the Control to secure satisfactory prices for the Burman cultivator would be defeated. We were, at the end, asked a specific question, which we had anticipated. Both the Controller and the Commerce Minister inquired whether we would carry on our trade under the Control or not. I made it crystal clear that there was no question of non-co-operation on our part. I also told them definitely that we were not there to object to the policy of the Control. I emphasised the features of Control which would make it impracticable for us to carry on our trade. I appealed to the Premier once again to remove such serious features of uncertainty and to assure us that we would be able to do our business in the future as in the past after such removal. The Premier, however, told us that they had decided that the Control should be there. They had also to look to their own countrymen and that they could not guarantee that new shippers would not come in and assure us that the period of the Control would come to an end at the cessation of hostilities. He could not throw any further light on the policy of fixing prices and the lowering of the same to liquidate a larger quantity of rice than the consuming market would usually absorb. In view of these replies, I submitted to the Premier, before the Deputation withdrew, that although we as Deputation found it impracticable to carry on our trade with no margin of freedom under the Control, we would place the whole subject before the Committee of the Rice Conference in the light of the conversations which we had with him and his colleagues and the Controller and also acquaint the Committee with the assurances which the Premier had verbally given to the Deputation. We would also consult our own Government and would take our final decision thereafter.

Immediately after the ending of these conversations, we met again and decided that a meeting of the Committee should be convened in Bombay on the 3rd December and acquaint them with the position as it stood. This I have done. I may also tell you that I wrote a letter to the Honourable the Commerce Member of the Government of India acquainting him with the results of our talks in Rangoon. A copy of that letter will be found in the booklet which the Secretary has sent to you.

Gentlemen, the position is exceedingly grave so far as our interests in the Burma rice trade are concerned. I have to request you to give this question your most serious consideration and examine it from all points of view before you come to any final decision. Our case has been clearly outlined in the papers which are already circulated to you. I may, however, be permitted to draw your very pointed attention to the following aspects of the Scheme which I consider as of the most serious importance:—

1. PERIOD OF CONTROL: There is no certainty about it.

2. UNCERTAINTY OF PRICES: We do not know at what price we shall be able to buy, at what price we shall be able to sell and what price we shall be able to realise for our exports.

3. To buy the rice sold to the Controller f.o.b. will involve us into serious difficulties as regards quality and weight.

4. No guarantee that when there is linking up of buying and selling, we shall be allowed to export with nominal control.

5. Condition precedent of the linking up that we should inform the Controller who will be our formidable competitor that we desire to buy a particular parcel from a particular party at a particular rate, and its effect on our business.

6. Even after such information is given, he may or may not give us the permit to export. This may compel us to hold our stocks with the consequent losses in which it will involve us.

7. Question of paying 2 per cent. as minimum fee for obtaining the export permit. This percentage may be raised without notice. The uncertainty of such raising of the percentage and its effect on our stocks and trade.

8. How the deliberate lowering of prices by the Control for liquidating a larger quantity of rice will affect our stocks and our ability to trade.

9. How the power of allocation of space being kept by the Controller in his hand will affect our position.

CONTROLLER'S ASSURANCE.

I may add that in this connection it is true that the Controller assures us that he will distribute us space in the same manner as the Conference Lines have been allocating space. There is, however, one supreme condition attached to it. It is this. We shall be allotted space provided we cooperate. As I pointed out to you, there is no question of co-operation or non-co-operation. How can we trade when we find it impracticable to do so. Such a condition is tantamount to coercing us to trade even when we find it impracticable to do so and maintain our position as establish shippers since the Control wants to retain the power of allocation in his hands. May I here express our sense of gratefulness to the Conference Lines for the clear manner in which they have told the Controller that they did not see any justification in handing over their right of the allocation of space to the Controller particularly as they realise that the merchants did not find it practicable to carry on their business under the Scheme of Control as it stood at present. We are obliged to the Conference Lines for telling the Controller that the Scheme that might be finally adopted must be "workable one in all respects and is not detrimental to their interests and to the trade which they have built up in conjunction with the Conference Lines over so many years". If such a Scheme is evolved, there will be no difficulty for us to carry on our business. I have tried to put the whole case before you as briefly as I can and I shall be happy to answer any questions that you would like to put in this connection or any points which you require to be further clarified. It is a matter of greatest satisfaction to me to be able to say that the Deputation have worked as one team and have always been unanimous in all that they have said and done. That unity is our strength. The Conference Lines recognise the difficulties under which it would be impracticable for us to do our business. They have made that position clear to the Controller. Let us now take such a final decision as will enable us to protect our interests and ensure our position in the trade which we have built up with years of patient labour and sacrifices. It will be essential for the Deputation to convey the decision that you may take to the Commerce Member of the Government of India and seek his advice and guidance before that decision is finally announced and communicated to the Government of Burma.

Gentlemen, I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Commerce Member of the Government of India and to the Premier and Ministers of the Government of Burma for having given us an opportunity of presenting our difficulties before them and to Mr. Master who has all along taken great pains to present our case to these authorities. I also thank the Burma Indian Chamber of Commerce and the Burma Rice Merchants' Association for allowing their representatives to co-operative with the Deputation in Burma.

And finally, Gentlemen, I thank you once again for giving me patient hearing and would now like you to give us the benefit of your views, so that we all united may decide how we should act under the Scheme of Control which makes it impracticable even with a fair margin of freedom for us to carry on our business.

NEW YORK COTTON 28 POINTS UP

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MARCH
New York: December 3.

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Difference	+7
To-day's closing	16.81
Difference	+28

BROACH EXPECTATION.

Broach April/May ..... Rs. 253

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York: December 3.

New York cotton continued to improve on increased trade and local buying with constructive news from Washington instilling more confident note, however, foreign political developments remained a restraining factor.

Trading in March began at 16.60, i.e. seven points higher than the last closing. Prices advanced on brisk trade and local buying together with some covering. The easing of labour situation was also a helpful factor.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

December (16.16/16) 16.31/31
March (16.40/49) 16.60/59
May (16.50/50) 16.73/72

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London: December 3.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Dec/Jan (£20 3/8 quoted) £20 3/8
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Dec/Jan (£20 3/4 quoted) £20 3/4
Linseed La Plata Dec/Jan (£13 7/8 quoted) £13 7/8
Groundnut Coromandal Coast Dec/Jan (£19 1/4 sellers) £19 1/4 sellers

JUTES

Dundee October/November unquoted
Lightning October/November unquoted

RUBBER

Spot unquoted
Forward December unquoted

LONDON METALS

Tin (£257 buyers, £257 1/4 sellers) £257 3/4 buyers, £258 1/4 sellers. Firm.
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 2 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London: December 3.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London: December 3.

5 per cent 1958/68 £105

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £82 3/16 ex-div.
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 7/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 15/16
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 7/8
New York Loan £101 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/16

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 39-3
Electric Music Industry 14-7
Princhin Johnson 22-7
Imperial Chemical 35-4
Woolsworth New Ordinary 62-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates £75
Dundee 39-0
Unilever Ordinary 28-1
Ford Motors 25-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £71 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary £5 3/16
Carreas 'A' £5 15/16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 11/16
P and O Defd 30-4
Distillers 75-6
Bredfords Dye 8-3
British Celanese 7-4
J and P Coates 38-1
Courtaulds Ordinary 35-6
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary 18-0
Inter Nickel dol 42 ex-div.
Indian Iron 57-6

TEA SHARES

Assam 18-9
Bonaro Tea 33-0
Empire of India 20-1

JUTE

Barnagore £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber 18-0
Guia Kelampong 15-7
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 28-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 18-9
Burma Corporation 6-6
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £2 3/16
Rand Mines £7 7/32

MINE SHARES

Crown £10 5/8
Associated Portland Cement 51-10
Trinidad Leasehold 65-0
Sub Nigel £7 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 5/16
Union Corporation 157-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-3
Anglo India 48-6
Burma Oil £3 5/16
Mexican Eagle 12-0
Shell Transport £3 5/32
Royal Dutch £23

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £42
London Midland Ordinary £16 5/32
London North Eastern Def £1 11/16
London Southern Defd £14 1/4
London Transport 5 per cent £127 1/2
London Transport £41 1/4

New York Stock Exchange

New York: December 3.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices are as under:—

General Motors (dol 35 1/2) dol 35 1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 27 1/8) dol 27 1/4
U S Steel Common (dol 51) dol 50 3/4
U S Steel Preference (dol 116) dol 116.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York: December 3.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London: December 3.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD
London: December 3.
London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

LONDON SILVER
London: December 3.
Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-0) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
London on Shanghai (0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16) 0-2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16
London on Kobe not quoted

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay: Dec. 3.
There was no trading during night session.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Fairly Good Business

CALCUTTA: Dec. 3.

The market continued steady and a fairly large volume of business was put through. Cottons, Coals, Jutes, Teas and the popular Miscellaneous issues ruled fairly steady at about yesterday's levels. The speculative Engineering issues showed no material alteration, while Government securities remained unchanged.

Following are the quotations up to 1 p.m. when the market closed in celebration of the National Defence and Savings Week:—

Govt. Securities: 3 1/2 per cent Govt Paper 95, 3 1/2 per cent Loan 1947/50 102/15 s lot, 4 per cent 1960/70 111 s lot.

Cottons: Basanti ordy 6/14, Benares Cotton and Silk 6/6, Bengal Nagpur ordy 22, Cawnpore Textiles 10/4, Dunbar ordy 287.

Coals: Amalgamated 27/12, Bokaro and Ramgur 17/12 c-h, Burra Dhemo 6/2, Talcher 2/5.

Jutes: Agarpara 41 s lot, Bally 267, Ft. Gloster 610 ex-div, Ganges 346 c-div, Howrah 59/2 ex-div, Hukumchand 16/3, India 415, Kamarhatty 562, Kinnison 780, Lansdowne 166, Lothian 280, Nuddea 69, Reliance 61/12 s l, Union 546, Waverley 4/5.

Minings: Burma Corporation 4/10, Indian Copper 2/6, Rhodesia Copper Annas 14.

Cements: Assam Bengal Cement Defd 4/1, Dalmia Cement ordy 16/6, Dalmia Cement Defd 4/2.

Engg. Companies: Burn and Co ordy 400, Indian Galvanizing 35/4, Indian Iron 35/13 Indian Malleable Castings ordy 8/4, Indian St. and Wire Products ordy 597, National Iron 12/11, Steel Corporation ordy 21/11.

Miscellaneous: British Ceylon Corporation ordy 5, B I Corporation ordy 5/14, Indian Wood Products 31/2.

Paper Mills: India Paper Pulp 171, Orient Paper ordy 18/12 c-f, Shree Gopal Paper 15/8, Star Paper 15/12, Titaghur Paper ordy 23. Midnapore Zemindary 75 s lot, Assam Saws 4/3.

Sugars: Balrampur 13/8, Buland 28/8 ex-div, Carew and Co ordy 13/6, Champaran 22/12 c-div, Raza 29/8 ex-div.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, December 3

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:
Java ready from Bond Rs. 13-4-0
African from Bond Rs. 12-12-0
Shipment September Rs. 10-12-0
Indian sugars ready:
Ready (ordinary) Rs. 15-10-0 to 15-4-0
Ready (large grain) Rs. 16-6-0 to 17-8-0
Bombay Group March delivery Rs. 13-0-0
Tone: Firm.

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay, December 3

Alleppey Pepper ready per candy	97	0 0
Maha Sud 15	96	8 0
Chaitra Sud 15	100	0 0
Ginger ready	37	0 0
Maha Sud 15	28	8 0
Chaitra Sud 15	29	0 0

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, December 3

Groundnuts February—		
Opening	47	0 0
Highest	48	0 0
Lowest	46	15 0
Closing	47	5 0
Cottonseeds January—		
Opening	27	1 0
Highest	27	7 6
Lowest	26	14 6
Closing	26	14 6
Castorseeds May—		
Opening	47	12 0
Highest	48	0 0
Lowest	46	4 0
Closing	46	12 0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, December 3

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 116	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 112	0 0

Tone:—Steady.

LONDON RUBBER

London, December 2
London smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. ..... unquoted

LONDON SILVER

London, December 2

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, December 2
Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, December 2

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	£92 3/8
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£99 1/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£82 3/16
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£106 3/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£104 3/4
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 5/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£114
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£9 1/2
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. (London reg)	£79
National Bank of India	£37

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, December 2

T T on London:—	
New York	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
Madrid	40.50
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Berne	17.30/17.40
Stockholm	16.85/16.95

Railway Stores For Middle East

NEW DELHI: Dec. 3.

Orders for nearly Rs. 163 lakhs worth of railway and other engineering stores were placed by the Supply Department during the second week of November, it is learned here. A large proportion of these are for supply to the Defence Services in the Near and Middle East.—A. P

VAIDYA BHUSHAN S. S. BEHARILAL DEAD.

(From A Correspondent).

CAWNPORE: (By Mail).

The sad and premature death of Vaid Bhushan Shri Shyam Beharilal, the proprietor of Shyam Chakra Karyalaya, manufacturers of Ayurvedic medicines, has taken place here. The deceased leaves behind him three small children and numerous friends and admirers to mourn his untimely demise.

TATA HYDRO-ELECTRIC AGENCIES, LTD.

Total Units Generated

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for The Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd., The Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd., and The Tata Power Company, Limited, report that the total electrical (Board of Trade) units generated at the three Power Stations of the Hydro Group and purchased from the Chola Steam Station were as follows:

48th Week (ended December 2nd)—

1939	13,300,000
1940	17,233,900
1941	19,831,900

(Hydro & Chola)

Total for 48 Weeks (1st January to date)—

1939	637,742,000
1940	705,731,700
1941	903,364,390

London Stock Exchange

London, December 2

The Stock Exchange enjoyed generally firm day but chronic shortage of stock continued, severely restricting business, despite considerable inquiry. Industrials enjoyed especially good day with useful gains, especially bats three and nine better at one-three-six and three. Reuter index recording a new peak for the war period while Far Eastern issues fully made up yesterday's losses. Jay bonds rallying upto three and Hongkong Bank three and half points while China bonds also moved up. Gilt-edged fully steady; Minings idly steady; Apart Nigeria tin mines which improved. Wall Street moderately firm.

Yarn And Silk Merchants Quotations

Bombay, December 3

64/2 Koru Nissin—		
Spot	Rs. 38	6 0
December	36	12 0
84/2 Koru Nissin—		
Spot	45	0 0
December	46	0 0
62/2 Any—		
Spot	3	11 6
December	3	13 0
80/2 Any—		
Spot	4	5 6
December	4	7 0
150 Any—		
Spot	3	11 6
December	3	12 3

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay: Dec. 3.

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 122; 28 Rs. 115; 35 Rs. 114; 42 Rs. 113; 49-56 Rs. 112

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-11 Rs. 124; 24 Rs. 122; 28 Rs. 120; 35 Rs. 116; 42 Rs. 114; 49-56 Rs. 113.

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 75; Rosita Rs. 73; Country make Rs. 55; Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 24/8 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 54/8 per qr.

Settlement rates:—

Copper sheets Posh Rs. 113; Chaitra Rs. 115.

Pigiead 'B.M.' Magsar Rs. 23/12; Maha. Rs. 24/4; Tin Ingot Penang Magsar Rs. 53/10; Maha Rs. 54/4

Market tone:—Firm.

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, December 3

Linseed May	9	3
Wheat January	6	1 0
Wheat May	7	3 9

SHIPPING NEWS.

EXPORTS

Bombay: Dec. 3.

473 bags bone grist Luckson and Co; 213 bags bone meal Luckson and Co; 207 bags bone meal A Dawn and Co; 10 cases cardamoms The East Asiatic Co (India); 116 bgs myrabollam crushed H Bhagwandas and Co 89 bls cotton pcegoods Jacub Heekel; 198 dms magnesium chloride The Pioneer Magnesia Works Ltd; 25 bags gum N Devidas and Co; 143 bags flea seed husk E Mavji and Co; 10 bls cotton pcegoods K Vishram and Sons; 12 bls cotton pcegoods The Central India Spg. Wvg and Mfg Co Ltd; 896 bls cotton pcegoods mixed M Mackenzie and Co; 47 pkgs cotton pcegoods M H Zakkai; 21 bls art silk mixed pcegoods M H Zakkai; 86 bags cummin seed The East Asiatic Co (India); 48 bls D/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 12 bls D/s goat skins H J Calcuttawalla and Co; 36 bls raw lamb skins D Abraham and Sons; 27 bls raw kid skins D Abraham and Sons.

IMPORTS

562 cases bolts and nuts, 39 c/s flashlight battery carbons, 63 cases Listerine, 80 cases Sulfapyridine tablets, 1265 cases harmless medicines, 66 bdls leather belting, 30 cases potassium iodine, 289 dms thinner, 105 bdls spring steel, 609 c/s steel hinges, 1948 coils flexible steel conduit, 37 boxes tear gas, 77 dms paint, 50 cts elect motors, 60 c/s bullock nail, 113 bags barium chloride, 550 c/s end milk, 51 pkgs refrigerators and parts, 83 cases mining machinery, 401 casks bichromate of soda, 107 bags borax powder, 534 bags sulphur, 78 cases flies 536 bdls wrot pipe, 403 pcs wrot pipe, 304 bdls M S rail angles, 670 cyl empty steel cylinder, 632 coils bare copper wire, 150 coils pharmaceutical products, 114 cts steel wire mesh, 1300 bgs powdered Glucose, 50 B/bls calcium acid phosphate, 6750 bdls M S angles, 2240 bags Lithopone, 437 pkgs auto and auto truck parts, 1066 bdls black steel pipe, 120 kegs wire nails, 1396 pkgs motor truck and commercial chassis, 192 pcs steam pipe, 600 pcs wrought black glass tubes, 250 bags Stearic acid, 1200 bags ground clay, 98 bls cardboards, 260 H/hds leaf tobacco, 181 H/hds wrought red steam painted tube, 983 pkgs galv steel pipe, 89 cts printing paper, 548 nongs rubber tyres, 64 bags crushed refractory, 450 pkgs black M S pipe, 133 c/s toilet preps, 66 c/s shave soap, 1636 bdls soap.

WIDESPREAD RAINFALL

POONA, December 3

Rainfall has been widespread and heavy in southeast Madras. Fairly widespread rain has also fallen in Mysore and local rain along the North Madras Coast. A few showers are reported in Malabar. Chief amounts of rainfall were: Ootacamund six inches; Madras five; Kodaikanal four; Salem and Nellore three each; Trichinopoly two; Cochin one and half; and Pamban and Madura one each.

Night temperatures were four to ten degrees Fahrenheit lower than usual in North Bombay Deccan and Central parts of the country and generally above normal in Madras Presidency, Mysore and Hyderabad.

Forecast until 4th evening: Rainfall will be widespread in Southeast Madras, Malabar and Mysore and occur locally in South Konkan and South Deccan and along the North Madras Coast. A few light showers are also likely over the region extending from North Konkan to the east Central Provinces and in Kashmir.

Special warning: There will be locally heavy rain in Madura, Trichinopoly, Salem, Coimbatore, Nilgiri Districts of Madras Presidency and Mysore during the next 48 hours. Locally heavy rain will also continue in Arcot, Chittoor, Chingleput and Elore Districts during the next 24 hours.

Night temperatures may rise in North Deccan and Central parts of the country. —A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 3-12-1941.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.021 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 73.0 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 60.9 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 89.8 degrees (2.4 above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 66.0 degrees

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 47 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. N

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 5 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 171 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 20 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 4

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 3-12-1941.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 76.5 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.09 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.90 inches.

For the correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

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MINERVA

To-day—Shows Nos. 277, 278 and 279

Daily 3 Shows—4, 7 and 10 p.m.

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PENTANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Students' Combined Protest

It is understood that the various students' organisations in the city have agreed to combine with a view jointly to register an effective protest against the Pentangular Match, and a committee has been formed, consisting of the following persons to devise ways and means including picketing and to carry on propaganda against these matches:—President: Mr. Dhirajlal B. Desai. Jt. Secretaries: Messrs. G. S. Pohekar and Lallu Shah. Members: Messrs. M. L. Shah, K. B. Golwala, P. M. Joshi, Miss Dina Gandhi, Miss Kamalini Raiji, Messrs. V. M. Bhave, Shantilal Shah, Arvind Mehta and Abdul Sattar.

The Committee hopes that the student world will co-operate with it and will register a most emphatic protest against these matches which are calculated to continue and foster a spirit which strikes at the root of nationalism and vindicate the honour of the student world.

ALL BOMBAY STUDENTS' CONFERENCE: The Bombay Students' Union and the North Bombay Students' Union are jointly convening the All-Bombay Students' Conference on 13th and 14th inst. In the conference the attitude of the students towards the present political question raised by the national and international viewpoint will be decided. Any member of the above Unions can be a delegate to the conference on payment of the delegate's fee of one anna.

BOM. THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION: Bhikhu Arya Sanga will lecture in English in the Besant Hall, Bhavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty, to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. on "Essence of Buddhism."

ACADEMY OF INDIAN ARTS

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TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

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BOMBAY & SUBURBS

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Magsar Vad 1, 1998
Muslim: Jilkad 14, 1360
Parsi: Tir 1, 1311.
Sunrise: 6h. 57m.
Sunset: 6h. 1m.
Hightide: 0-34; 12-4
Lowtide: 6-21; 18-8
Corporation Standing Committee Meeting: 2 p.m. (B.T.)
Corporation Meeting: 3 p.m. (B.T.)

NOTICE TO JURYMEN

Jurors' attention is drawn to the Notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

A.R.P. KHAR DIVISION: Dr. Koppikar will deliver his second lecture on "First Aid to the Injured" at the C. K. P. Hall, Khar to-day (Thursday) at 9 p.m.

INSTITUTE OF OCCULT SCIENCES: Mr. A. M. Gaitonde will speak on "Astrology" to-day (Thursday) at 6-15 p.m. in the hall of Suniti Girls' School, Parekh Street, Sandhurst Road.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCN.: Prof. Parakh will begin his French classes for Seniors and beginners to-day (Thursday) at 6 p.m. in the University, South Wing. Other classes for the day as usual.

FREE DEMONSTRATIONS OF PHYSICAL FEATS: Prof. Naidu will give demonstrations of physical feats to the public in the compound of Karamsi Damji Building, 5th Kamathipura, under the presidentship of Dr. V. R. Bhoosrath, Member, Physical Education Board, Government of Bombay, to-day (Thursday) at 9 p.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE ON SOCIAL WELFARE: Under the joint auspices of the Social Service League and the Social Workers' Society Dr. K. G. Rama Rao, Secretary of the Children's Aid Society, will give a public lecture on the "Problem of Social Defence" to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. at the Social Service League Hall, Prarthana Samaj. Dr. Collaco, the Mayor will preside.

RATIONALIST ASSOCN. OF INDIA: Members and friends will meet to-day (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Philatelic Society Hall, Standard Building, 2nd floor, above "Great Western Stores", Hornby Rd., Fort, Bombay, to congratulate Dr. C. L. D'Avoine on his 66th birthday for his long and unstinted services to the cause of Rationalism in India.

SJT. S. K. PATIL'S LECTURE

Under the auspices of the "D" Ward (Girgaum) Congress Committee a public meeting will be held on Thursday (to-day) at 6-30 p.m. at the Congress House Compound (Vithalbhai Patel Rd.) when Sjt. S. K. Patil, Gen. Secretary of the B.P.C.C. who is released from jail on Friday last, will speak on "Present Political Situation." Sjt. Nagindas T. Master, Vice-President of the B. P.C.C., and who is released from jail on 2nd inst. will preside.

PUBLIC MEETING: Under the joint auspices of the F and G Ward District Congress Committees a public meeting will be held to-day (Thursday) at 9 p.m. in Palan Sojpal Building, when Mr. S. K. Patil and others will address the meeting. And Sjt. N. T. Master will preside.

PORT TRUST HELP TO ADULT EDUCATION.

At a meeting held on Tuesday last the trustees of the Port of Bombay sanctioned in response to an appeal from the Bombay Adult Education Committee, a contribution of Rs. 1,000 for the current year from the Welfare Fund towards the literacy campaign in view of the fact that Port Trust employees have availed themselves of the classes conducted by the Committee.

Sanction was accorded to an increase of 50 per cent in the contract rate for loading and unloading miscellaneous goods at Grain Depot Station of the B.P.T Railway, with effect from 1st September 1941 in view of the change in the nature and volume of these goods that has occurred since the contract was given to Messrs. Ramji Ganuji and Sons last year.

Some items of expenditure estimates were approved.

Exhibition Of Paintings By K. Nixon And D. Newsome

Lady Broomfield will open an exhibition of about 45 paintings by K. Nixon (Mrs. V R. Blundell) and D. Newsome (Mrs. E. B Bienn) in the Bombay Art Society Salon, 6 Rampart Row, to-morrow (Friday). The two lady artists are well-known in Europe and in India. One of the pictures by Mrs. Glenn shown at this exhibition was exhibited in the Paris Salon of the Societe des Artistes Francais 1940, and in the National Exhibition R.O.I. Galleries, London 1940. The artists have just returned from Sikkim and have brought a number of paintings from there. The exhibition will be open to the public from December 6 to 14, daily from 4-30 to 7-30 p.m. Entrance free.

CITY'S TOLL OF ACCIDENTS

SUICIDE VERDICT.

Verdict of death due to suicidal dose of Carbolic acid poisoning, was recorded on Wednesday, at the inquest held over the body of Jayantilal Jethalal Shah, at the Coroner's Court, Bombay.

ACCIDENTAL BURNS.

The death of Rajlaxmibai, daughter of S. Subramanyam, which occurred in the Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for children on the 2nd inst. was caused by shock from burns accidentally sustained while lighting a match-box. It was accordingly recorded at the inquest held at the Coroner's Court on Wednesday.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

A verdict of accidental death was passed unanimously by the City Coroner's Jury on Wednesday at the inquest on the body of one Shaik Bapu Sultan, Shaik Bapu Sultan aged 70 years, was suffering from a fracture by falling off his bed in the Ophthalmic Hospital.

RASH DRIVING CHARGE.

Abdul Miya Jabba Miya was ordered to be prosecuted under Sec. 304 "A" of the Indian Penal Code by the Coroner for rash and negligent driving and causing the death of Ashok Kumar Bhasker (2) by knocking him down.

PETTY OFFICER SENTENCED

Frand Clifford Harrison, a petty officer in His Majesty's Naval Forces, was sentenced on Wednesday to pay a fine of Rs. 200 or in default to suffer three months' rigorous imprisonment by Mr. Reginald Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, Bombay.

Harrison was sentenced on charges under the Fire Arms Act, for having in his possession without licence and attempting to sell one Bren gun and two automatic pistols which he was alleged to have smuggled out of the ship on which he served.

Commercial Establishments Fined

Mr. J. P. Teasdale, General Manager of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons (Ltd.), Bankers, was prosecuted by Mr. V. G. Sabnis, Senior Inspector of Shops and Establishments Section for not granting a weekly holiday to nine employees on 2/11/1941 in the Court of Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, 1st Additional Court and was fined Rs. 15.

Mr. W.L.A. Radcliff, Managing Director Turner Morrison and Co. Ltd., 16, Bank Street, was prosecuted for not specifying the rest intervals to employees in the Court of Mr. C. K. Thakore, 1st Additional Presidency Magistrate. Mr. Blair of the Crawford Bailey and Co. defended the accused, who pleaded not guilty. The accused was convicted and fined Rs. 10.

Mr. M. B. Daruwalla, the manager of Morinas and Co. was prosecuted for not granting holiday to the employees and not making entries from 23/10/'41 to 16/11/'41. The accused was convicted and fined Rs. 30.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Great American Broadcast". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Mail Train". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Blossoms in the Dust". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Thief of Bagdad." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Time Out for Rhythm". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"As You Please." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m
PATHE—"Nai-Roshni" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Anjan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Sangam". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Gharki Lai". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Sasural" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Fadosi". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
MAJESTIC—"Swami". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Circus Queen". Daily at 1-30, 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m
LAMINGTON—"Darshan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m
KOHINOOR—"Punarmilan" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
HIND MATA—"The Birth of a Baby". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Asra" Daily at 4 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"Ziegfeld Girl." Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

At the meeting of the G.I.P. Railway Local Advisory Committee, Bombay, held on the 27th Nov. 1941, the following among other subjects were discussed:—

That inconvenience was caused to other passengers by milkmen travelling with their milk pots which were deposited on seats and in the gangways and passages. Special accommodation had been provided for milkmen, but it did not prove popular. It was proposed to exclude milkmen from travelling by certain trains.

That there was overcrowding up to Dadar and in this connection it was hoped to run two additional trains at 18-10 and 18-40 hours.

That the introduction of an inter-class on suburban trains in order to permit passengers to avoid the fish and milk traffic is necessary.

CENTRAL KHADEMUL HUJJAJ SOCIETY'S BOMBAY BRANCH

The Gen. Secretary, Central Khademul Hujjaj Society, 38, Wellesley St., Calcutta, writes:—

"As a result of our correspondence with its President, Maulvi Abdul Karim, the "Anjuman-e-Moinai Islam", an organisation of Bengali-speaking Muslim merchants, traders and Government servants of Bombay, hailing from Bengal and Assam, have agreed to institute a branch of the Central Khademul Hujjaj Society at Bombay for the service of the Haj pilgrims in general and Bengali-speaking people in particular, who pass through the port of Bombay.

BOMBAY'S NEW SHERIFF

Mr. M. R. A. Baig Appointed

It is understood that Mr. Mirza Rashid Ali Baig will be Sheriff of Bombay for the next year commencing from 20th instant. Mr. Baig is the Secretary of the Rotary Club of Bombay. He was Secretary of the Bombay Branch of the Eastern Federal Union Insurance Company, for a number of years. He is now in insurance business, being connected with Home Insurance Company. Before taking up insurance work Mr. Baig was a commissioned officer in the Indian Army. Mr. Baig is only 36. He is the son of the late Mirza Sir Abbas Ali Baig.

MR. M. R. A. BAIG.

TURF CLUB CASE

Plaintiff's Cross-Examination Continues

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Somjee)

Camille A. J. Lobo: Plaintiff v. The Western India Turf Club Ltd. and others: Defendants.

This was the resumed hearing of the suit filed against the Turf Club, its Stewards, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, claiming Rs. 25,000 by way of damage for the plaintiff's exclusion and praying for a declaration that the plaintiff, as a member of the public was entitled to go on a certain open piece of low-lying land (part of storm water reservoir), in the centre of the properties of the Club on the ground that in or about 1918 the Municipality had dedicated this particular piece of land as a recreation ground and garden for the benefit of the public except on race days, as well as for another declaration that the plaintiff was entitled to attend all race meetings because the whole tenor of the Bombay Race Course Licensing Act III of 1912, as amended in 1938, was to give every member of the public a right to attend race meetings on payment of the charges fixed by the Club and for injunctions restraining the Club from preventing the plaintiff from exercising those rights.

The Advocate-General continued his cross-examination of Mr. Lobo. With reference to the petition alleged to have been signed by jockeys against him to the Turf Club, the plaintiff submitted that some of the Australian jockeys who are purported to have signed it, did not even know how to sign their own names, whilst some of the signatures appeared to be in the same handwriting. He further went on to say that it was impossible for some of the Stewards to be honest, because they were in the hands of Marwari money-lenders. The cross-examination of the plaintiff was still unfinished when the Court rose for the day and will be continued to-day.

Mr. J. H. Vakeel with Mr. R. J. Kolah, instructed by Messrs. Eastley Lam and Co., appeared for the plaintiff.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad with Mr. F. J. Coltman, Mr. N. P. Engineer and Mr. Y. B. Rege, instructed by Messrs. Cragie, Blunt and Caroe, appeared for the defendants.

Rohini Wagle's Dances At St. Xavier's

Next Saturday and Sunday Miss Rohini Wagle, the founder of the Naveenya Kalalaya (Oriental Dance Institution), supported by a group of well-known Artistes of Bombay, will open her Two-Days, Winter Dance-Recitals and Dance-Dramas at the St. Xavier's College Hall. Sri. Mohanlal Pande who is guiding the whole programme, will also take part.

The male group will consist of Mohanlal Pande supported by Koffique, Tawade, Mehta, Dadar, Rao, Ramesh and Kirtikar. The whole group consists of 15 female dancers and eight males who are well up to the mark, as they are well-trained pupils of Naveenya-Kalalaya. A specially organised Indian Orchestra will play music.

A City Wedding

A large gathering was present at Baroda Street, Danabunder to witness the wedding of Miss Shantakumari daughter of Sheth Ratansy H. Govindji, President of the Grain Merchants' Association of Bombay, with Mr. Visanji the son of Sheth Naranji Tejpal from Cutch-Mandvi.

The bride was the recipient of many valuable presents over a thousand guests were present at the dinner party to celebrate the wedding, including the Mayor of Bombay, Municipal Commissioner, the President of B. P. C. C., city merchants and Congress workers.

On The Air

THURSDAY, DEC. 4.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far-East. 5 Asad Ali Khan. 5-20 Mashuq Ali Khan. 5-35 Khadim Husain. 5-50 Mehboob Jan. 6-15 Shri Ram Hari Marathe: Sarod. 6-30 Mehboob Jan. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 It ras happened or Tilak Kamod on Cornet. 7-50 Afzal Husain. 8 Mehboob Jan. 8-15 Scenes Revisited, 3: Talk in English. 8-30 Jigar and Fani 8-45 Shri Ram Hari Marathe: Sarod. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Khadim Husain. 9-55 Listening Post: Talk relayed from B B C. 10 Asad Ali Khan. 10-20 Sarod recital. 10-30 Gulab Bai.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Flute solo. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Qadir Khan. 8-40 Bibhas on Jaltarang. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 A. S. Damle. 9-20 Bira Bai Bhajan. 9-30 Habib Khan. 9-50 Violin duet. 12-30 p.m. Vocal music. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Orchestral music. 1-10 Bhajans. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 4-15 School Broadcast. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 A. S. Damle. 5-15 Shrimati Bai Narvekar. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Master Mohan. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Brahmanand Bhajan. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Qadir Khan. 6-45 Avinash Vyas. 7 Traditions of Sculpture in Gujarati; Talk. 7-15 Chitrapat Sangit. 7-25 A. S. Damle. 7-35 G. G. Kharadkar. 7-45 News commentary in Marathi. 7-50 A I R Bhajan Mandali. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Books and Authors. 8-45 March of Time; Weekly summary of world news in Hindustani. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in Eng. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Arthur King: Baritone. 10-15 Antsher Lobo: Guitar. 10-30 Hilda Flanders: Entertainer.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Bhavgeets. 8-15 Ibrahim: Clarionet. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Shrimati Bai Narvekar. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. as in Bombay 1.

61.46 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-40 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-40 Kannada Song. 5-50 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Ratnakant. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Habib Khan. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 A I R Orchestra. 9-15 Qadir Khan. 9-25 Master Amritlal. 9-40 Habib Khan. 10 Shridhar Parsekar: Violin. 10-15 Shrimati Bai Narvekar.

INDIAN DENTISTRY

Exhibition At Arya Samaj

Vaidyaraj Kishordas Gupta, expert in indigenous dentistry, who gave two practical free demonstrations at Madhav Bagh last year by extracting teeth of thousands painlessly without any kind of injection or instruments is again going to hold a programme for free teeth extraction at Arya Samaj Bhimani Rd., Matunga (G.I.P.) beginning from to-morrow (Friday) to Tuesday (9th December) including both days. He would also give discourse on Ayurvedic dental hygiene compared and contrasted with the Western one and would advise right ways to avoid contraction of pyrrhoea.

The time of lecture and demonstration is from 8-30 to 10 a.m. (excepting Sunday). On Sunday the hours are 10-30 to 2 noon.

'Capitol' Closes For 2 Days

The Capitol will be closed to-day (Thursday) and to-morrow (Friday) for final redecorations. It will reopen next Saturday as usual with the picture "Bitter Sweet" starring Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy.

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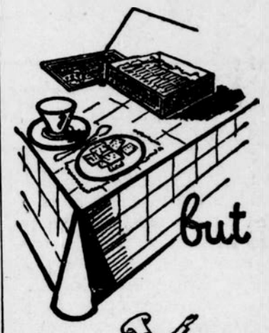

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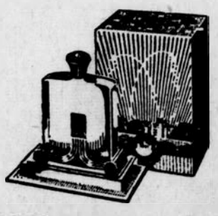

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THE FIRST STEP

At long last the Government of India have made up their mind to release "those civil disobedience prisoners whose offences have been formal or symbolic in character." And to remove any doubt in the matter it is specifically announced that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will also be released. In all probability they will be released to-day. As nothing is said about political prisoners other than the Congress resisters, not even that their case is still under consideration, it is to be presumed that for the present at least there is no prospect of their early release. This discrimination against them is a serious blunder. For, apart from its taking away much of the grace of the proposed policy of release, it may reduce the chances of the very settlement which this policy seeks to bring about. One recalls the following words of Gandhiji in his recent statement on the proposal of an amnesty: "There will be great resentment if distinction is made between Satyagrahis and those who are detained without trial. The Government should not be judges what is reasonable." Indeed, between the two classes, the untried prisoners are more entitled to release than those who have deliberately broken the law, in however formal or symbolic a manner. Government should retrieve their blunder at once.

Co-operation On Equal Terms

Government's announcement about Congress prisoners is not happily worded. They say they are releasing the prisoners because they are "confident in the determination of all responsible opinion in India to support the war effort until victory is secured." It is a suggestion that war effort depends only on Indians and that Government need do nothing more than what they have already done to elicit that effort; yet at least as much depends on Government as on the people in bringing about a settlement in this and other allied matters. The best friends of Government in India and Britain have admitted that it is not possible for Indians to regard the war as their own unless they are assured that they fully share in the fruits of victory. But, instead of giving such an assurance in a definite unequivocal manner Mr. Churchill has given Indians a definite unequivocal warning that the Atlantic Charter of freedom and self-determination will not be extended to Indians but will be restricted to those countries of Europe for the restoration of whose freedom Indians are called upon to give their wealth and blood. This is anything but a responsible method of eliciting co-operation from the people. True co-operation can be only on equal terms. It can come only from free Indians. There can be no hope of a settlement unless Government are prepared to go far beyond their declaration of August last.

A Truce

As regards what the Congress in its turn will or should do, the most obvious thing is that the Working Committee and the A. I. C. C. will and should meet. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya said the other day that in the event of a release of prisoners the meetings of these bodies were not only probabilities but certainties. Indeed, it is both a constitutional and moral obligation to convene these meetings. The decisions at these meetings will, of course, depend on how far Government are prepared to go beyond their last declaration. We do not know what authority the Congress Secretary has to say that "unless his views regarding the war and non-violence radically change, Gandhiji will go out of the Congress if the latter decide upon renewing the Poona offer." However, we shall soon know more about it from Gandhiji himself at the next meeting of the A. I. C. C. Meanwhile, the question arises whether, pending final decisions at the meeting, Satyagraha should be suspended. Gandhiji is reported to have decided to suspend it during the Christmas holidays. As the Congress meetings will be in the nature of negotiations, we think it would be best to suspend Satyagraha till the A. I. C. C. decides the entire question of the future policy, or at least till the Working Committee gets a chance of considering the question in the light of the various suggestions made by different Congressmen during the last few days. If by any chance Gandhiji refuses to suspend the campaign even till the Working Committee meets, it will be expedient for Government to refrain, for a few days, from arresting persons for offences admitted to be merely formal or symbolic. This policy is already being followed in the Frontier Province and some other places. For some time at least it may well be made a general rule all over the country. The London "Times" pleaded the other day for "a new constructive effort on the part of the British Government of which the release of political prisoners would serve as a token and first instalment." Government have doubtless taken a step in the right direction. Several more need to be taken till a settlement is reached.

Pacific Crisis Postponed

Has the miracle happened and the Pacific crisis been averted—or, at least, postponed? The Japanese envoys, Mr. Kurusu and Admiral Nomura, who called on Mr. Sumner Welles, stressed that Japan was anxious to continue the conversations and hold an open door for a settlement. Asked whether he still thought there was a chance of success, Admiral Nomura replied: "Yes, I don't give up so easily. Nobody wants war—war would not settle anything anyway." This sounds very reassuring and one is almost liable to forget that even at this moment Japan is not only engaged in a bitter, unwarranted and unprovoked aggression in China but also that, while the diplomatic negotiations have been going on in Washington, Japanese troops have been taking threatening positions on the borders of Thailand and Indo-China. Indeed, the Japanese strategy has been to utter glib protestations of peace in Washington and to issue bellicose statements at home and engage U.S.A. in long-winded diplomatic talks while the armies of Nippon occupy advantageous positions. It is the old Nazi game of blackmail and bluster.

But this time the Democracies show no signs of being taken in by such transparently insincere declarations of Japan's peaceful intentions. Both Britain and United States are taking all possible precautions and getting ready for action. The British fleet, including the historic battleship, "Prince of Wales", has arrived at Singapore, prepared for any eventualities. America, too, has strengthened her outposts in the Pacific and the economic blockade of Japan has been tightened. Meanwhile, President Roosevelt has addresseed some plain questions to Japan. It is officially stated that the questions do not constitute an ultimatum but it is generally assumed they include a demand for an explanation of the Japanese military moves in Indo-China towards Thailand. A satisfactory answer, the President has made it clear, is essential to a successful conclusion of the negotiations between the two Governments. All then depends upon Japan's reply to these questions. But, as the "Daily Telegraph" observes in an editorial, "unless Japan is prepared to retreat headlong from her whole policy of aggression and 'co-prosperity' it is impossible to see any basis of understanding with the United States".

Lawless

It is amazing that, while other Congress leaders are being released, Mr. Amir Hydar Khan, the well-known Labour leader of Bombay and member of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, who was released from Nasik jail on the expiry of his term, was immediately rearrested and taken back to custody. There can be no justification for such a rearrest immediately after release, when he could not possibly have committed any offence or anything amounting to an intention to commit one. If any law permits such a re-arrest it is a lawless law violating the most elementary principle of justice. If Government thought he was likely to do any prejudicial act, the police would well have kept an eye on him and arrested him after he had given grounds for legitimate suspicion. If such prisoners are not to get the benefit of the amnesty, there will certainly be deep discontent among workers, and the public in general.

ART TRAINING IN BOMBAY

(By S. D. CHAVDA)

It has been repeatedly said that India, influenced by western ideas, cannot segregate her art and let it escape unwesternised. One should not mix up city life with village life. The real spirit of India is found in the villages and not in the cities. It is still there in its primitive simplicity, untouched by sophistication of the West. In villages, the Indian life is preserved and in villages only can her true spirit be seen.

Art is an expression of a people as much as it is an expression of the life of the artist with his culture and experience. The latter are acquired by him not only consciously, but also unconsciously by storing in his subconscious mind the ways and manners of the people amongst whom he is living. His mind naturally turns for inspiration to the cultural background of his country; like all other children, he, too, as a child must have sat upon his mother's lap listening enthralled to the tales of glory and of valour, of splendour and of romance of the old heroes of the country, who lived and loved in those plains and hills and dales which still stand as a precious heritage of grand memories. This forms the gorgeous background of his inspiration and art, which thus becomes the living book of the people's cultural heritage.

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Once upon a time I was an enthusiastic student of the Bombay School of Art and I had naturally gone there, perhaps as a student goes this very day, to learn the art of my country and be an artist good enough to capture the gorgeous panorama of my country's life upon the canvas. I did learn it, but not in the school where I had gone in fond hopes. I owe, indeed, a debt to the old school: I do not forget that, and I have grateful memories of it. And when I say I did not learn there the art through which I had hoped to express my country's life, I do not mean to do any injustice to the old school. Loving it as I do I cannot forget the fact, that the school only taught me an art whose conception was completely western and consequently useless to me. But then it is not the fault of the school. It is the fault of those who have conceived for the school an ideal and a course of training which lets the student see only too late that though he had gone to school to be a good Indian artist he had come out at last as only an imitator of the western art and that the best among his lot was only a cheap pocket edition of a Raphael or a Titian.

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There has been a good deal of criticism on the system of art education obtaining in the Bombay School of Art which makes one pause, to inquire whether there is anything wrong with the recent policy of the school, and whether the critics are really justified in their criticism. Many patrons of art and artist and even past students of the school itself fully agree with the views of the critics and desire reorganisation of the school.

The present curriculum of the school seems incapable of meeting the demands of an Indian art student that are essential to his full development as an Indian artist to express his art in terms of his country's culture. The present curriculum being soaked in western tradition affords no scope to an Indian mind for creative originality, because the Indian mind can have no genuine knowledge of and insight into western culture. That is why the school has been unable to produce so far any artist of high merit sufficient to place him on the pedestal of the master. His training being tainted with foreign conception is undeniably imitative.

The method of teaching Fine Art is so confusing from the beginning to the end that an average student is baffled. One knows how much the ideals of the Indian art differ from those of the western. The student is asked to practise both and he swings from the one to the other. As soon as he starts his training he is given Greek and Roman antiques to copy. This copying forms the basis of background of his training which is intended to make him first rate Indian artist. The result of this influence is quite evident in the work of the past students who practise pure Indian painting.

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The glaring neglect of the art of draughtsmanship and persistent existence of it over a long stretch of time constitute another example of the ways in which the school is run. No country has ever overlooked the importance of this essential element in the course of art education. Blessed with an inherent sense of decoration and colour and with a sound knowledge of drawing an Indian art student will be more than a match for an average foreign artist.

The environment plays a vital part in shaping the youngster's mind. I can cite one example to show how much environment affects the work of an artist. Some time ago I visited the sculptors' section of the school and found some students working on bas-relief panels in Indian style with some western influence in it. It is really absurd to expect a work of genuine Indian art from a student whose whole environment is absolutely foreign to his subject and who is constantly reminded of western art by the numerous specimens hung on the four walls of his studio.

In the school curriculum, western art should not predominate over Indian art. Indian art should be the main course of the study and western art, if at all it is taught, should be subordinated to it. Unless an Indian student is taught by methods which are in conformity with the Indian conception of art, and unless the atmosphere is representative of Indian culture we cannot hope to find among us, one day, an artist who is also a genius. Great masters and geniuses are as much born as made, and there is hardly one who was ever acclaimed as a master or a genius for works of literature which were not done in one's own language, or for a work of art which was foreign to the conception and culture of one's own country. Efforts to this effect have been made in other provinces and there is no reason why Bombay should not follow suit and become even more progressive and productive than other art institutions in this country.

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It is a great pity to see an Indian artist, with a glorious past and a cultural background, practising third rate western art as his profession. Neither long experience nor hard work would ever give him mastery over it or make him equal to the masters of the west. A talented youngster, who frequently sees the reproductions of western pictures which are more accessible to him than Indian ones, is tempted to paint pictures in that style. The person who is guided by these inclinations would blindly carry on until he begins to understand the true value of his national art.

Ways and means for improved system of teaching should be searched for encouraging creative work. Given ample freedom to express their experiences the Indian student will find it stimulating to the growth of creative power. At present work produced in the school is more or less a patch work; it cannot be regarded as a truly individual creation with the exception of a few students from Gujarat, who have an inborn sense of creative work and some who are inspired by the art movement in other provinces. No creative artists worthy of note have come out of this insitution.

The whole system should be reorganised in such a way as to ensure the fullest development of originality and individuality in the student's work. Every student must be given personal instruction for his individual needs. No mass training would ever profit him or the country.

A small number of artists who are really talented and who fully deserve art training, educated in this way, would be far better for the country, than an endless stream of artists coming out in mass production.

Recently imported Western mannerisms would not be the solution of the problems confronting Indian artists. There is a rich treasure of vast material and unexploited resources in our country for us to choose from and there is no need to borrow any foreign "isms" which would be useless and out of place here.

Efforts have been made to modernise Indian art but one deplores too much repetition of mythological subjects treated with the same approach of an old artist. One can derive fresh inspiration from contemporary subjects which are as yet untouched by any artist. The modernisation of Indian art does not necessitate elimination of its traditional character. One can modernise it to suit the present day conception of Indian life and yet present a touch of the old style.

There are also some artists who, by the way, are old timers of the school, and who take delight in imitating the painters of all countries and believe in no-frontier theory. This "no-frontier" idea is very vague. It is an attitude of the mind of the modern artists who have a jack-of-all-trade mentality. It is an excuse for imitation.

I suggest that this question should be taken up right seriously by our artists who have at heart a desire to see Indian Art getting all the attention it deserves.

Frankly Speaking

Calling All Women!

"Men must fight and women must weep" no longer holds true. Ever since the beginning of the war, a large number of British women have been voluntarily doing war work. Whether as nurses, munitions workers, A. R. P. wardens or in one of the auxiliary services, they have distinguished themselves by their remarkable courage and devotion to the cause of their country. But now not only the volunteers but all unmarried women between the ages of 20 and 30 are also being called up by the Government to join uniformed services. Their number is estimated to be 1,620,000. This is a very significant development. On the one hand, it signifies the determination of the Churchill Government to prepare the nation for all eventualities, sparing no one in this hour of peril. If ever Hitler embarks upon the foolhardy adventure of an invasion upon England he will find a nation—men and women—ready to meet him. Even more significant, perhaps, is the social aspect of the conscription of women. The last war helped the movement of women's emancipation in no small measure. And this war, demanding as it does greater work and sacrifices from them, is sure to cause almost a social revolution in Britain so far as the status of women is concerned.

Help The Detenus

It appears very probable that the detenus at Deoli will soon be repatriated to their respective provinces but otherwise one cannot be sure that their condition will be appreciably improved by Government. In any case they and their families have suffered long and they need prompt help from the public. The Detenu Aid Committee appointed by the Bombay Civil Liberties Union has made an appeal to the public for Rs. 5,000, which is a small sum considering that the detenus number over 1,000 and many of them are needy. The appeal deserves prompt response for the special reason that the detenus have not been given the benefit of the amnesty. The Committee is also organising a variety entertainment in Bombay on the 13th instant in aid of the detenus. Those who patronise it will not only get good entertainment for their money but also have the satisfaction of doing something for their patriotic fellow-countrymen in distress.

Bombay's New Sheriff

The selection of men for the post of Sheriff of Bombay is seldom such as to call for enthusiastic approval from the public. This cannot be said, however, of Sir Roger Lumley's choice of the new Sheriff. The Governor has struck a new path and selected an energetic, independent-minded young man for the office. Mr. M. R. A. Baig has taken prominent part in several public activities of the city. He showed his independence of judgment by resigning from the Muslim League on the issue of Pakistan. He will we have no doubt, be one of the most successful Sheriffs we have had for many years.

A.R.P.

Mr. Symington has made great improvement in Government's A. R. P. policy and it is heartening to find a man of this type handling the very important question of A.R.P. Speaking to a number of journalists on Tuesday, Mr. Symington disclosed the scheme of "A.R.P. in the Home", which will probably cost a lac of rupees. The details of this scheme are not so important as the general approach of the authorities to the problem of A.R.P. Now, at long last, is it likely for A.R.P. to become something of a reality. The question of having shelters still seems impossible from Government's point of view but Government had accepted the view of a Committee of experts that they should do what they could towards getting safety accommodation provided in every house or set of premises. However, the way Mr. Symington has now approached the problem before him is in refreshing contrast to that in which it has hitherto been approached. The personnel for fire-watching and fire-fighting posts in every street and lane in Bombay will be raised by some form of compulsion. We think Government will be wise to try out the voluntary principle before resort up to compulsion, Mr. Symington may also take up the question of restoring the motorist's headlights which is worthy of his consideration.

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TAGORE SYMPOSIUM

Tributes To Poet's Versatile Genius

Presiding over the Tagore Symposium organised by the Government Law College Union at the premises of the college on Wednesday evening last, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad paid a glowing tribute to the remarkable personality of Rabindranath Tagore, in the course of which he observed that Tagore had made India respected throughout the world, and great thinkers and literary men had made their pilgrimages to Vishwabharati at Shantiniketan to feel ennobled by communion with him. A largely attended gathering was present on the occasion. Sir John Beaumont, the Chief Justice, Bombay High Court, inaugurated the symposium.

At the outset various messages received by the Union, wishing success to the symposium, were read out.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The one by Sir Roger Lumley, the Governor of Bombay stated:—"In the passing away of Tagore, not only India but the whole world of enlightenment has suffered a great loss. He touched life vividly at many points, and the quality of his achievement was high. He spoke always with a true sincerity, and in the manner of his speaking he revealed the artist seeking for truth and beauty, and content with nothing less than the best. It is too soon yet to judge Tagore's place in history. I feel sure however, that posterity will find in his delicate and sensitive poetry, his chief claim to fame. His deep sympathy, and his ability to pierce the ugly and the common-place, and see behind them the true and the beautiful, stamp him out as a man of inspiration and insight. His name will always be honoured by those who value fine work, well done."

Mahatma Gandhi in a message wished success to the function, and hoped that the organisers might be able to collect a fat sum for Tagore's memorial.

PATRIOT TO THE CORE

Sir Chimanlal in course of his speech stated that though Tagore was born of an aristocratic family he could enter into the feelings of the masses, and always did what he could to better their lot. He had an impressive personality. He did not believe in asceticism, and desired for all the good things of life. His versatility was phenomenal and his literary output enormous.

Continuing Sir Chimanlal said that though Tagore did not take part in current politics, he was a patriot to the core. He always wanted that India should rise to the same height in modern industries as the Western countries.

POET OF VISION

Mr. K. M. Munshi speaking next on Tagore as a poet stated that Tagore was one of the greatest poets of the modern world. In the art of creating ethereal beauty, he was unsurpassed.

In him sound and sense were combined in ecstatic harmony. He was a poet of vision—a Rishi—who was not concerned only with the present but could look far into the future. But above all Tagore as a poet was an interpreter of Indian Culture, which alone according to the speaker, could save the world from destruction.

AS ARTIST.

Mr. C. R. Gerrard Director, J. J. School of Art, said that though a versatile genius, Tagore was essentially an artist. His art said the speaker, knew no racial or geographical barrier.

AS SOCIAL REFORMER.

Hon. Mr. Justice Chagla, speaking on Tagore as a social reformer stated that his outlook on life was marked by intense hatred for injustice, cruelty, and tyranny, and throughout his life he fought against them.

AS INTERNATIONALIST.

Mr. Low, Editor of the "Times of India", referring to Tagore as an Internationalist stated that he (Tagore) combined his patriotism with a sympathy for the common cause of civilization. Tagore, said the speaker, was a perfect ideal of a peaceful civilized human being who strove to promote common understanding among humanity.

AS EDUCATIONIST.

Prof. Correia-Afonso speaking on Tagore as an educationist astounded the audience by the statement that all persons were poets to a certain extent. The gift of poetry, said the speaker is killed in most of us because of a lack of proper environment, which was a deficiency of our educational system. Tagore's system of education, said the speaker, recognised that need and gave the child full scope to understand the beauties of nature and to develop its own personality. His art of education lay in kindling that spark of poetry in every child.

As a fitting termination of the function some skits and recitations from Tagore and dances were staged by some students.

Principal Fyzee thanked the speakers and the guests.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"The Hindu and Hindu marriage is a communal marriage as also the Parsi and Parsi marriage. The Hindu-Muslim marriage is an Inter-communal marriage as also the Parsi-Hindu marriage.

"Then Sir, is not the Pentangular where Hindus, Parsis, Muslims, Europeans and the Rest participate, an Inter-communal Tournament?

"Will Sir Chimanlal or any other of the Anti-Pentangular school of thought agree with me on this point?"

—A Pro-Pentangular correspondent, in an evening paper.

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Confrere "Candidus" of the 'Times of India' complains: "Once again this article has to be written in an atmosphere of uncertainty."

But we assure our friend that is precisely the atmosphere in which his (or her?) pen excells itself!

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"In the absence of definite and authoritative information on the subject", he further observes, "it is difficult to analyse the political situation."

And you can have no idea of how difficult it is unless you read through the desperate attempt made by "Candidus!"

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"Many orthodox Brahmins of India", writes an American journal, "are so fearful of pollution by animal flesh that they take a purifying bath even after receiving a letter from a meat-eating country."

We don't know about letters but a purifying bath is definitely indicated after receiving certain newspapers from meat-eating countries!

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When a country enters a war, we read, its suicide rate immediately decreases one-third. The reason suggested is that the new interest and excitement counteract the frustration and boredom that many people find difficult to bear in time of peace.

A simpler explanation would be that dead men can't—and need not—kill themselves!

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Bridge-table arguments in U. S. A. cause an annual average of 500 divorces—and 5 murders!

A little blood-shed, it would appear, is inseparable from all liberation movements!

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Unmarried women are being conscripted in Britain.

The panic has spread to India and girls are hastily getting married—even to journalists!

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A new kind of fish has been discovered in Bombay waters.

It is absolutely a new species and should not be confused with Juhu variety. It had neither a two-piece swim suit nor white-rimmed goggles!

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"... Will Make Your Belly Ache With Laughter", says a cinema page headline about a forthcoming film.

Thanks for the warning?

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(1) The labour leaders believe that the more Trade Union organizations there are, the better it will be for the workers, each of whom can then have a union of his own.

(2) The students believe this is clear plagiarism of their original idea, and now want to have half a dozen students' federations, conferences and unions.

(3) Japan's intentions are absolutely peaceful—the surrender of all other Powers in the Pacific!

(4) A fierce gale is reported to have swept over Madras but Mr. Satyamurti says he has not made a speech for several days!

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Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones were chatting when Mr. Smith said:

"Now, look at Winston Churchill. He's British. Isn't that something to be proud of?"

"Look at Anthony Eden", countered Jones. "He's British. Isn't that something to be proud of?

"Then there's Hitler", said Smith.

"But he's not British", protested Jones.

"Well, isn't that something to be proud of?"

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Silence is golden, and yet some people refuse to keep still.

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The more justice some people get the more dissatisfied they are.

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Men and women should look during courtship and overlook after marriage.

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About all a pessimist is good for is to sit around and anticipate misery.

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It isn't always the coat that makes the man—sometimes it's the padding.

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Be very careful what you say to your enemies and more careful what you write to your friends.

Fall In Tempo Of Libyan Battle

Nazi Reinforcements Flown From Ukraine To Middle East?

LONDON, Dec. 3.

According to a Swedish correspondent in Berlin, German reinforcements are being flown from Ukraine to Libyan front.

With reference to a German High Command claim to have encircled and annihilated British and New Zealand troops south-east of Tobruk, it is authoritatively pointed out in London that the state of the battle in North Africa is so fluid as to make any talk of encirclement absurd.

GERMAN OFFICER AMONG PRISONERS

LONDON, Dec. 3.

A senior staff officer of the German Africa Korps is among the prisoners arrived in Egypt.

A Cairo communique announces that fighting continues on a wide area at a momentarily decreased tempo.

Lull In Fighting Tempo

CAIRO, Dec. 3.

Following is the text of the communique issued by the British G. H. Q. Middle East on Wednesday, "fighting continued over a wide area though the tempo has naturally decreased for the time being after the late intense period. Our mobile patrols have been active in clearing battlefields. An offensive patrol from El Duda west of Sidi Rezegh succeeded in destroying some enemy guns.

A small vessel which evidently attempted to supply the beleaguered enemy garrison in the Sollum-Halfaya area from the sea was driven off by our fire, before she was able to enter the harbour. Prisoners continue to arrive in Egypt from forward areas and include a senior staff officer of the German Afrika korps, our airforces maintain their effective support of our land forces. Enemy concentrations in El Adem and Sidi Rezegh areas were bombed with success". —Reuter.

Annihilating Enemy's Tanks

LONDON, Dec. 3.

It appears that after the heavy fighting which has been going on for the last few days, both sides in the Libya campaign are having a slight pause in order to refit, was the comment made in authoritative quarters in London.

The enemy defences in the Sollum-Sidi-Omar area were very strong and would have taken a terrible amount of hard fighting to overpower them, if the enemy had tanks with which to support his resistance, it is pointed out here. Thus it is extremely important to keep his tank forces away from these areas cutting them off from help from any mechanised forces. If Bardia-Sollum-Sidi Omar area is kept isolated, they are doomed, as there is no way of obtaining supplies except by air.

The fact that the Germans tried to get supplies into Sollum by sea is regarded as an indication of the desperate straits to which they have been driven in the frontier area. Odd detachments of the enemy are now being cleaned up by British flying columns over a very wide area.

Ding-dong Battle

A dingdong battle with attacks and counter-attacks by both the British and Fascists forces continue around Sidi Rezegh, which is still occupied by the Germans, according to the latest reports received in London.

The British Empire forces are holding Elduda, the reports say, while operations in the Frontier area are presumably continuing steadily. Apparently the Italians are still in Bardia for when the New Zealanders moved up, they by-passed Bardia, and it is reported that the port was empty. Italian supply dumps there are being bombed by the Royal Air Force.—Reuter.

No Confirmation Of Brigadier's Capture

WELLINGTON, Dec. 3

The Prime Minister Mr. Peter Fraser stated to-day (Wednesday) that New Zealand casualties in Libya as far as they were known at present were 70 killed, 131 wounded and 18 missing. Full details, however, has not yet been received, and, he feared that with heavy fighting south of Tobruk, the casualties could not be light. Mr. Fraser said that he had no confirmation of the claim in yesterday's Italian communique that Brigadier Miles had been captured.

Victorious March To Jalo

CAIRO, Dec. 3.

A mixed force of Indian, British and South Africans which captured Jalo on November 24, marched from Jarabub on November 18 without being spotted by the enemy until the dawn of twentyfirst, it has now been disclosed. Incessant air attacks were thenceforward made on the column in a vain effort to stop its advance, but very little damage was done.—Reuter.

WILL WARDHA VETO IT?

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of prisoners to be released compared to what Mr. Joshi had in mind in moving his resolution.

NUMBER IN JAIL.

Giving figures as on October 1, the Home Member stated in the Assembly that persons convicted or detained in connection with the Civil Disobedience movement numbered 6,146. Other convicted persons about 1,300, other persons detained about 950 and persons restricted for political activities 366. Although later figures are not available, it is assumed that the numbers must be smaller in each case.

WILL WARDHA VETO IT?

While acknowledging the decision as a gesture from the Expanded Executive Council, it is recognised, that it is a step which cannot stand by itself, but that its value as part of any larger political plan must depend upon the character of the response it elicits from the country generally, from the party to which it is in the first place addressed, and from Wardha.

It is presumed that the prisoners released will include most, if not all, remaining members of the A.I.C.C. and an early meeting of that body is taken for granted. What its decision will be is too early to anticipate or speculate upon but one point is emphasised in informed quarters.

IT IS A BARGAIN.

Any proposals formulated by the A.I.C.C. or any other body will be judged by one test. How will they answer the supreme purpose of winning the war? Nothing,

it is made clear, that is likely to militate against or fall short of India's 100 per cent participation in the war effort will receive any consideration or countenance.—A. P.

Mohanlal Desai Released

(From Congress House).

Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai who was undergoing his imprisonment as a Satyagrahi in Nasik Road Central Prison was released on Wednesday morning after eight months' detention.

He was received on arrival at the Victoria Terminus by Shri Nagindas T. Master and Shri S. K. Patil, Vice-President and the General Secretary respectively of the B. P. C. C. and several other friends. He was a Satyagrahi from Girgaum Ward.

Labour Threat To Churchill

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an amendment which was ruled out of order by the Speaker to day.

The Conservative Back-benchers' Committee discussed the Government's proposals at their meeting to-day and the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. A. G. Erskine Hill will speak early in the forthcoming debate giving the views of the Conservative Backbenchers on th's issue.—Reuter.

WAR ORDERS PLACED IN SOUTH INDIA

November 29.

War orders of the value of rupees ten crores were placed on the South India Circle, which comprises the Madras Presidency and the Indian States of Travancore, Cochin and Mysore, during the first two years of war. The orders placed included, to name only a few of the important items, textiles, timber and tiles, engineering stores, munitions components, scientific instruments, acids and chemicals leather and leather manufactures, and foodstuffs.

The resources of the Presidency are being utilized in ever increasing degree for the purpose of meeting war demands. New capacity is being constantly discovered and every encouragement and assistance is being given in expanding existing production. Since April 1, 1940 the number of firms registered by the Purchase Branch of the Supply Department has increased from 208 to 293 in the Madras Presidency.

Indian 'Bevin Boys'' Safe Arrival

MADRAS, Dec. 1.

It is officially stated that the third batch of fifty fifty "Bevin Boys" who left India in September last for training in industrial workshops in England ha- now reached England.

Selection of candidates from Madras for the fourth batch will be made next week by the National Service Labour Tribunal.—A. P.

TOKYO'S TRIAL BALLOON

Will U. S. Condone Japanese Attack On Thailand?

THREAT TO BURMA ROAD AGAIN

SHANGHAI, Dec. 3.

The possibility of an outbreak of hostilities on the Indo-China-Yunnan border depends upon the outcome of the Washington talks, declared a Japanese spokesman, replying to a question at a press conference this afternoon.

The spokesman added that weather permitting, the Japanese will repeat the recent bombing of the Burma Road.

Statement On Tokyo Policy

TOKIO, Dec. 3.

A statement on the Government policy "to cope with the situation" will be made by General Tojo, the Japanese Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, and other members of the Cabinet according to a Domei Agency message.—Reuter.

A Trial Balloon?

BANGKOK, Dec. 3.

Pained surprise is expressed in authoritative circles here at the forthright assertion by the Japanese news agency that "even a Japanese attack on Thailand is not expected to bring Japan and America into immediate conflict". The question asked is "is this a trial balloon?"

Britain Means Business

SINGAPORE, Dec. 3.

Both the Thai and Chinese Consulate-Generals here, in an interview described the arrival of the British Fleet as a grave warning to Japan. The Thai Consul-General added: "it shows that Britain means business out here." The Chinese Consul-General characterised the arrival as "a vigorous sign of A B C D., collaboration", and recalled General Chiang Kai Shek's recent plea for action by the A B C D., powers.

New Zealand Air Force Units In Malaya

WELLINGTON, Dec. 3.

Two royal New Zealand airforce units are now operating in Malaya, announced the Defence-Minister Mr. Jones. One is engaged on aerodrome construction and the other on flying duties. Both units consist entirely of New Zealanders and are under the control of the R.A.F. Far Eastern command.

Symbol Of Anglo-American Co-operation

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.

The general opinion expressed in Wednesday morning's American Newspapers is that Japan while momentarily cautious as the result of Axis setbacks, will continue her aggressive plans when the moment is propitious. The arrival of a British Flotilla in Singapore is hailed as dramatic evidence of Anglo-American co-operation in the Far East and an indication of the urgency of the situation.—Reuter.

British Evacuees From Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Dec. 3.

450 British evacuees sailed from Shanghai to-day (Wednesday) aboard the steamer "Anhui".

Manchukuo's Charge Against Soviet

HSINKING, Dec. 3.

The Manchukuo Government filed a protest with the Soviet Consulate General at Harbin yesterday (Tuesday), regarding alleged further violation of Manchukuo's eastern border by five Soviet soldiers.

The protest alleges that the soldiers entered Manchukuo territory 25 miles south-east of Tungning. It is stated that Japanese guards chased away the soldiers, two of whom were shot. There were no Japanese casualties.—Reuter.

I DON'T ENCOURAGE BEGGARS

Mrs. Gilder's Appeal

Under the auspices of Bombay Presidency Women's Council, and the Bhagini Samaj a meeting was held on Tuesday evening at the Mandir Hall, Mathew Road when Dr. (Mrs) M. D. Gilder spoke on the "Evil of Beggary". Mrs Jaishri Raiji presided.

With the aid of Magic-lantern slides, she went on to explain the beggar nuisance in the city of Bombay. She said this nuisance is prevalent everywhere and mostly near Tram-terminus, Bus stands, Trains and other junctions.

These beggars are mostly dirty and roam about with very contagious diseases. They have their own system of begging organisation. This nuisance can be put an end to, only if the public co-operate with certain homes established for beggars.

The public, she advised should not encourage beggars and begging by giving alms. Instead they can contribute to the Beggars' Home where they not only educate the beggars but give them work to eke out their livelihood.

Mrs. Jaishri Raiji introduced the speaker, and explained how the beggars harass the public. It is a big problem to be solved and even the law if enacted and passed, will be very difficult to be enforced.

Nazi Raider Disguised As Merchantman!

"Kormoran" Set On Fire By "Sydney": 320 German Seamen Rescued

MELBOURNE, Dec. 3.

It is revealed from Carnarvon Western Australia, that two boat loads of survivors from the German raider "Kormoran" were landed on November 24. They stated that the "Kormoran" engaged the cruiser "Sydney" on November 19 and scored a hit with the first salvo. Although sinking, "Sydney" replied setting the "Kormoran" on fire.

SEARCH & RESCUE

A searching aircraft from Carnarvon reported a boat load of German sailors 150 miles out. A trawler took the boat in tow on November 26. A Royal Australian Navy life belt was recovered 200 miles from the coast. One British and two German floats and one German body were also picked up. A second German life boat was sighted on November 27. It carried a sail on which was painted in English "no water."

The occupants were rescued and the search was continued for a further five days but without result.

286 PRISONERS

Two hundred and eighty-six Germans were taken prisoners, some suffering from shrapnel wounds. Three died in one of the life boats. the "Kormoran's" captain was picked up by an Australian ship.

The Navy office announces that 300,000 square miles were searched by more than ten surface vessels and many aircraft of the Australian and N. E. I. Navies and Air Forces.

Seamen rescued from the "Kormoran" now total 320.

CANBERRA:—The Navy Minister Mr. N. J. O. Makin who announced to-day the recovery of a naval life belt said that such a find alone was insufficient to indicate that "Sydney" was a total loss.

The Encounter

CANBERRA: — The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, giving an official reconstruction of the "Sydney's" engagement with the "Kormoran" alias "Steirmark", said that the cruiser encountered the raider 300 miles west of Carnarvon at dusk. She closed to make an inspection as the raider was disguised as a merchantman. As soon as the "Kormoran" was convinced that her identity was known, she opened fire simultaneously with the first salvo from the "Sydney."

The Navy Minister Mr. Makin indicated to-day that a Cruiser built in Australian shipyards would probably replace the "Sydney."

DISGUISED AS MERCHANTMAN

Mr. Curtin emphasised that all information was based on evidence from enemy sources and the initial advantage lay with the raider She was disguised as a merchant ship and her identity had to be established before attack. The raider was crippled by a direct hit in the engine-room.

"MOST GALLANT SHIP"

LONDON:—In a message of sympathy to the Australian Minister for Navy regarding the cruiser "Sydney" Mr. A. V. Alexander referred to the loss of "so many fine officers and men." He added "the "Sydney" was the most gallant ship with a record that will live in naval history and we can find some consolation in the fact that she ended her career by freeing the ocean lifelines of a serious menace."

Mr. Alexander also sympathised with the loss of "Paramatta."—Reuter.

KING TO BROADCAST ON CHRISTMAS DAY

LONDON, Dec. 3.

It appears probable that the King will speak to the Empire on Christmas Day as part of the plans the British Broadcasting Corporation is now making for its special broadcasts on that day.

The Empire-wide broadcast on Christmas afternoon will include talks by a war widow in North England and messages of greeting to service men from homes in Scotland, Wales and elsewhere.

The climax of the broadcast will be a soldier in Palestine telling how the Empire troops are guarding the cradle of christianity.—Reuter.

WILLKIE FOR AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, Dec. 3.

There are strong hopes that Mr. Wendel Willkie will visit Australia shortly. It is understood that the possibility of his visit was discussed at an informal meeting of the Australian War Cabinet.—Reuter.

Raids On Britain

LONDON, Dec. 3.

Two raiders were destroyed last night. An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security 'communique' issued on Wednesday morning states: "A small number of enemy aircraft flew over South-West England during the early part of last night.

Bombs which were dropped at one point caused slight damage but no casualties. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed."—Reuter.

Congress Of Faiths

WILL INDIA GIVE LEAD?

Younghusband On Asoka's Humanity And Akbar's Magnanimity

LONDON, December 3.

"Now that religion everywhere is being brutally attacked we look to India as the very home of religion for a sign." This was the appeal made by Sir Fracis Younghusband at the annual meeting of the World Congress of Faiths held today.

"We would have the Hindus join with the Muslims and the Muslims with the Hindus and the Christians with both, in restoring religion to its rightful place in India. And in this darkest hour we would have India shine forth as a beacon light."

Speaking as the Chairman, Sir Francis declared that for six years, this Congress had been working to achieve a united lead by leaders of all religions. "In London, Oxford, Cambridge and Paris, Congresses have been held and eminent representatives of all religions have addressed us and members of every creed have been welcomed. Reciprocally, we have been welcomed at Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh religious ceremonies here in London."

Sir Francis pleaded that India, by her example might show the world how religion can be made the most potent of all uniting forces in the conduct of human affairs.

"The deep humanity of Asoka and the broad magnanimity of Akbar, we trust, may once more prevail."

Sir Francis especially appealed to Aurobindo Ghose, the Indian leader, to give a lead.—Reuter.

Fierce Gale Over Madras

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for over twenty-four hours, are reported on various sections of the South Indian Railway, owing to cyclone and heavy rain last night. It appears transhipment is impossible.

The railway authorities state that the breaches have occurred between Irundai and Ulundurpet, and Puvanur and Vriddhachalam, on the Villupuram—Trichinopoly Chord Line, and between Virdhachalam and Mukhasa Parur, on the Vriddhachalam-Salem section.

Between Serndanur and Cuddalore N.T. on the Villupuram-Mayavaram section, the main line has also breached.

The probable duration of the interruption is not known

A telegraph notification says: Owing to general breakdown of telegraph wires, telegrams to Ceylon and all South India are subject to serious delay.—United Press.

Trains Arrive Late

The Indo-Ceylon Express due to arrive here this morning reached Madras at 6-15 p. m., nearly 12 hours late.

The Railway authorities have cancelled the running of trains on the Chord-line and all trains leaving Egmore to-night will run only on the main line 'via' Mayavaram and Tanjore.

The special train conveying H. E. the Governor and party which was to have left Villupuram Junction last night did not do so on account of the stormy weather. It left only this morning and arrived in Madras this evening.

All the incoming trains at the Central Station from North India and West Coast arrived though late on account of heavy rain 'en route.'—A. P.

Seven Inches Of Rain In 24 Hours

MADRAS:

After two days of heavy rain and storm, the sky is now clearing up, the rains having completely stopped this afternoon.

Madras experienced the heaviest rainfall of the year during the 24 hours begining from midnight on Monday. About seven inches of rain had fallen during the period constituting a record for the city so far this year.

LINES RESTORES

Madras was completely cut off last night from Bombay and most of the South Indian centres, there being a general breakdown of telegraph and telephone lines. Telegraphic communication was restored between Bombay and Madras only this morning after a break of nearly 16 hours.

NO ARRIVALS AT EGMORE

Neither the Indo-Ceylon Express nor any other train due at Egmore this morning, has arrived and as there has been no news about them, a party of Railway officials have proceeded to the south for inspection.—A. P.

Governor Of Madras Returns

MADRAS, December 3.

His Excellency Sir Arthur Hope, Governor of Madras and party returned to Madras this evening after a tour of Trichinopoly and South Arcot Districts.—A. P.

Contributions by investment and donations to War Funds on December 3, the fourth day of Calcutta's National Defence and Savings week, amounted to Rs. 1,21,89,302. **The total to date thus comes to Rs. 6,25,30,797.**

Nazis Concentrate On Moscow Front

Soviet Troops Continue Pursuit Of Enemy In Southern Sector

LONDON, Dec. 3.

A German 'Communique' claims further advance on the Moscow front with infantry and dive bomber attacks in the face of strong Soviet counter-attacks.

A Soviet 'Communique' states that there was nightlong fighting on all fronts.

NAZI THRUST ON MOSCOW FRONT

MOSCOW, Dec. 3.

On the Mojaisk Sector of the Moscow Front, the Germans have thrown about two infantry divisions and some tanks into a heavy attack, states the Moscow Radio, but the Soviet are holding their positions and counter-attacking. The main German thrust on the Volokolamsk sector is in a south-westerly direction.

NAZI TANKS BREAK THROUGH

The large German forces concentrating along all the main directions leading to Moscow have become increasingly active launching offensives in the Mojaisk and Maloyaroslavetz directions where large German tank columns supported by infantry have been hurled forward, says the "Pravda's" Correspondent quoted by the Moscow Radio. In one narrow sector adjoining the Moscow river, two enemy divisions with a strong tank column took part in the offensive. Towards evening, the enemy managed to occupy villages. In the Mojaisk direction, our troops recaptured three villages although an enemy tank column was able to break through our lines to village 'K'. The situation has worsened".

"Soviet troops are on the offensive in the Klin and Stalinogorsk directions and have recaptured a number of villages. The enemy is retreating southwards under pressure of Soviet cavalry and tanks", says the Moscow Radio.

On the Southern Front, Soviet troops continue their pursuit of "Panic stricken enemy" according to "Pravda's" correspondent quoted by the Moscow Radio. According to incomplete data concerning battles near Rostov, the Germans lost 21,000 men killed and wounded, the Correspondent says.

NAZI LOSSES

An artillery unit commanded by General Lanskoy in violent engagements with the enemy destroyed 54 lorries one artillery battery, eleven trench mortar batteries and over thirty machine guns, states a supplement to the Soviet Communique. Airmen of Trofimovs unit in one day destroyed 131 lorries with infantry and supplies, silenced sixteen anti-aircraft installations and destroyed or damaged fourteen German aircraft on aerodromes.

NAZIS DRIVEN BACK 31 MILES FROM ROSTOV

MOSCOW, Dec. 3.

Ten more populated points on the Rostov front were occupied this morning by General Kharitonov's troops while General Remizov's troops have cleared points "V" and "N" of Germans, stated the Moscow Radio.

Both Soviet armies are continuing their advance.

Information from the southern front shows that at Rostov the Red Army has dealt the Germans a very heavy blow.

The Moscow Radio adds that not only advanced groups but the bulk of General Von Keleist's troops are falling back.

M. Lozovsky the Soviet spokesman, stated that the latest German drive on Moscow has now lasted a fortnight and it is clear that their progress has been insignificant.

In a number of sub-sectors the Soviet counter-attacks are resulting in the capture of a number of German positions, M. Lozovsky added.

On the southern sector of the Karelian front the Germans have been foiled in two attempts to break through to station 'N', states the Moscow Radio.

On the Kestensa sector the Red Army has launched a counter-offensive.

The Soviet midnight 'communique' says that the Red Army continues to pursue the beaten enemy on the Rostov Front. The enemy has been driven with heavy losses.

The threat to Moscow is still serious but stubborn fighting continues.

During December 1, 12 German aircraft have been destroyed. Our losses were four planes. During December 2, 13 German planes were shot down near Moscow.

A Soviet Communique reports night-long fighting on all fronts.

A supplement to the Soviet midday Communique to-day announces:

"Our units operating in one sector of the Western (Moscow) front routed a reinforced battalion of the enemy and captured fourteen trench-mortars, three machine-guns and considerable ammunition.

In a sector in the south-western front, Soviet cavalry ousted the enemy from a village killing 400 German officers and men and capturing three artillery pieces. A group of Red Army men, armed with automatic rifles, made two successful raids on the Germans holding a Russian village. They destroyed two trench-mortars and three machine-guns and killed about eighty enemy soldiers."

Russian Advance From Rostov

"By the evening of December 1, the enemy was driven about 31 miles back from Rostov", says an "Izvestia's" correspondent quoted by the Moscow radio on Tuesday morning.

A Russian unit commanded by Gen. Goncharov had advanced 18 miles, the correspondent says.

EASTERN FRONT AT A GLANCE

German Troops Abandon Taganrog

KUJBYSHEV, December 3.

It is learned officially that German troops are abandoning Taganrog and retreating to Mariupol, having fallen back 36 miles in three days. The Soviet troops are five miles from Taganrog.

The situation on the Moscow Front in a nutshell, according to latest reports, is as follows:—

At Klin, the position is unchanged.

At Volokolamsk, heavy enemy attacks have been held but there has been some enemy penetration.

At Mojaisk and Maloyanoslavets, enemy assaults have been beaten off.

At Stalinogorsk-Belovs, a squad of cavalry has won a victory over the 17th German Tank Division, a regiment of infantry and a mechanised blackguard battalion who were trying to work northward. They were driven back south and south-westwards with eighteen German tanks burned out in one village alone.

At Tula, a Soviet advance has been made north-east of the town in a westerly direction.

At Kalinin, a fierce battle is raging with the initiative still in Soviet hands.—Reuter.

AHMEDABAD'S 'NO' TO A. R. P. CALL

Why Cause Unnecessary Alarm Among People And Make Them War-Minded?

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 3.

The Ahmedabad Municipality resolved to-night by 37 votes against 9 votes authorising the President to signify to the Collector its unwillingness to take part in the A.R.P. as it was of opinion that no A.R.P., were needed and they tended to cause unnecessary alarm amongst the people and made them war minded.

The Muslim League party opposed the resolution urging the adoption of a separate scheme of A. R. P. for the safety of the people if they could not co-operate with Government on political principles.

The Municipal President Mr. M. C. Shah said that the Municipality would use all its resources for the safety of the people in case of an emergency.—A. P.

Will
Devika Rani,
Shantaram,
J. B. H. Wadia
and
Prithviraj
remember to read
THE LAST PAGE
in the next Sunday Edition of
The Bombay Chronicle
SUNDAY, DEC. 7.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Congratulations to H. E. The Governor for breaking with tradition and appointing a man of 36 to become the new Sheriff of Bombay. I say this first, before I congratulate Mr. Rashid Baig on his appointment. Hitherto the Sheriff of Bombay has not seldom been a silly sort of a joke of a doddering old man reading a paper somewhere in the Town Hall. That Sir Roger should have (and, I understand, inspite of advice given to the contrary) cast all other names aside and made his choice in this most unorthodox manner, speaks very well of Sir Roger Lumley. My only regret is that Sir Roger didn't start earlier in freeing himself from that ridiculously pompous surrounding to which he appears to have too long been moored. I take my hat off to you, Sir, and so will many other Indians. If only all your regime had touches like this!

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Went on Tuesday to the Free French Ball. Remembering another French Ball at the Taj a long time ago where a lot of diplomats and officials were present and where the French Consul suddenly jumped up and gave two toast saying something like: "Premier toast—La Republique Francais—Deuxime toast Monsieur Deladiere". My French is probably all wrong but all I mean to convey is just the idea. So I went to this Free French Ball wondering how formal it would be. It wasn't— and that's why it was a success. Perhaps the surprise for me as much as for anyone else was the generous response at the auction—a portrait of De Gaulle fetching Rs. 21,500—a record of its kind. Bidding for this—the last of many items was brisk. The opening bid of Rs. 500 came from a group of Free French Syrians. In the ring for this portrait were Sir Victor Sassoon, the Petit-Tata combine, Sir Alwyn Ezra and the Free French Syrians. In under four minutes the picture was bid up to Rs. 8,500 when Sir Victor jumped to Rs. 10,000 amidst tremendous applause. It was sold to Sir Victor at Rs. 10,000, when he gave it back for re-auctioning. It fell next time to Sir Alwyn Ezra for Rs. 7,000. Re-auctioned it went to Mr. J.R.D. Tata at Rs. 3,000. Reauctioned again the Free French Syrians who had done great bidding in the earlier rounds got it for keeps at Rs. 1,500. The most touching thing I saw was the way the Free French Syrians would get together to make a bid to outbid the others, but Sir Victor was like the Rock of Gibraltar and his bid of Rs. 10,000 shook the room as it did the auctioneer. The auction together netted a few hundreds less than Rs. 30,000. Though it lasted over an hour it was worth the time, because it helped the cause considerably. General de Gaulle will feel pleased when he hears what the Free French Committee of Bombay have raised for him.

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I must mention something about the painting on the wall. Done by Millet it had captured the atmosphere of Free Fronce. "Les soldats et la guerre." Food was good and I have seldom tasted so much good Curvoisier all at once. It makes me feel like a new-born babe this morning, only not so new and slightly shattered in the voice!! Altogether a good show. Good luck, Free France!

Hill Grange Supper Dance

for RELIEF of the FAMILIES of the INDIAN FIGHTING FORCES & R. A. F. Dec. 12th

WHY SIR JOHN DAIN RESIGNED

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

It is understood the resignation of Sir John Dain from the Federal Public Services Commission is because his claims have been superseded by the appointment of Mr. Robertson as Chairman of the Commission.

Satyagraha Anniversary In City

The first anniversary of the Satyagraha movement in Bombay was observed at a public meeting at the Jinnah Hall Mr. Nagindas Master presided. Picture shows (1) A view of the audience. (2) Mr. Nagindas addressing the meeting.

"Happy Augury For Cessation Of Communal Strife"

Fazlul Huq Accepts Leadership Of Newly Formed Progressive Coalitionist Party

CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.

The Bengal Premier, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, has accepted the leadership of the newly formed Progressive Coalition Party of the Bengal Assembly.

In announcing his decision, Mr. Huq has issued the following statement to the press:

HAPPY AUGURY

It is with humility and with pardonable pride that I accept the leadership of the Progressive Coalition Party, which has been kindly offered to me by the leaders of the various sections in the House. The formation of this party, bringing together as it does the diverse elements in India's national life, is an event unprecedented in the history of India, and should, I hope, be a happy augury not only for the cessation of communal strife but also for the carrying out of a programme for the good of all sections of the people in this country. Our united efforts will henceforth be directed towards the achievement of our common purpose and common ideals. I wish to avail myself of this opportunity, as President of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League, to express my grateful thanks to those members of the Muslim League who have kindly offered the benefit of their advice and support by joining the new Progressive Coalition Party under my leadership. I am convinced that, despite any propaganda that may be made against them, they are loyal and staunch members of the Muslim League who have always upheld, as I am sure they will always do, the best traditions of the League. I have not the slightest doubt that they are the true exponents of the spirit and ideals of the Muslim League.

PROGRESSIVE COALITION PARTY

"The present Progressive Coalition Party is composed of members of the Muslim League, the Krishak Proja, the Congress, the Hindu Mahasabha, the Nationalists, the Indian Christians, Anglo-Indians, Labour Members, Scheduled Castes and other elements of the legislature. It is my firm belief that it is this party alone that can bring relief to all communities. We will work with a united purpose for the good of all communities and interests.

HUQ CLARIFIES HIS POSITION

"I hope that every home in Bengal will stand solidly behind this Entente to enable it to fulfil its purpose.

"I think, I ought to make my position 'Vis-a-Vis' The Coalition Party absolutely clear. This party was formed in 1937 with the object of supporting the Coalition Ministry under my leadership. In pursuance of a decision taken by the majority, the Council of Ministers tendered their resignation on Monday, the 1st of December, 1941, without obtaining its mandate.

Its members have now formed themselves into separate parties, for these reasons, the Coalition Party of 1937 has obviously ceased to exist. I was, therefore, justified in accepting the leadership of the Progressive Coalition Party in the confident hope that it will usher in a new era of peace and prosperity".—A. P.

Present Assembly Session Not To Be Prorogued

CALCUTTA, December 3.

It is learnt that the present session of the Bengal Assembly will not be prorogued as apprehended in some quarters.

It is believed in informed circles that the new Cabinet, whatever its composition, will be asked to face the Assembly during the current session.—United Press.

CONGRESS PARTY SUPPORT TO NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.

The Bengal Congress Parliamentary Party (official) met this afternoon under the presidency of Mr. Kiron Sanker Roy, the leader, at the residence of Mr. J. C. Gupta to consider the latest parliamentary situation.

The party reaffirmed its previous decision to support the no-confidence motion tabled.—United Press.

Fazlul Huq Laid Up

CALCUTTA, December 3.

The Chief Minister Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, is suffering from an attack of high fever and has been advised rest.—A. P.

Coalition Party's Strength

The newly formed Progressive Coalition party whose leadership has been accepted by Mr. Fazlul Huq, claims to have a strength of 119 members composed of as follows:—

Mr. Sarat Bose's party (28); The Krishak Proja Party (19); The Progressive Assembly Party (42); The Independent Scheduled Castes Group (12); The Nationalist Hindus (14); Anglo-Indians (3); and Labour (1).

The Party further claims to have the co-operation of the official Congress members in the Assembly (25) led by Mr. Kiran Shankar Roy.—A. P.

Armed Dacoity In Nawabshah Village

KARACHI, Dec. 3.

One person was shot dead and another injured when a party of 25 armed dacoits raided the house of wealthy Zamindar and looted property valued some hundreds and two guns, says a report received from village in Nawabshah district. As they were escaping two of them were secured.—A. P.

Supplies To Polish Refugees In Russia

QUETTA, Dec. 3.

The Polish Red Cross Expedition, headed by Dr. T. Lisiecki, the Polish Vice-Consul, which is taking large supplies of medicines, foodstuffs and clothes for the relief of Polish refugees in Russia, left Quetta this morning by overland-route via Nokkundi, Mijawa, Birjand and Meshed to Russia.

It is understood that a Polish officer, who has been specially deputed by the Polish Embassy in Moscow, will meet the party somewhere in the Russo-Iranian border and escort the expedition to the destination.—A. P.

Miss Sharada Kevalram Joshi who was arrested and sentenced for offering Satyagraha.

JOGENDRA SINGH'S SEAT IN ASSEMBLY

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

An interesting legal point has arisen regarding the seat in the Central Assembly of Sardar Jogendra Singh, formerly Chief Whip of the Congress Party. He was sentenced in December last year to fifteen months' imprisonment, whereupon the Governor-General declared his seat vacant. Now, however, the High Court has quashed his sentence and ordered his release, which has taken place before the completion of one year of the sentence. The question is whether the Governor-General's order declaring his seat vacant and disqualifying him for re-election can be regarded operative as the conviction and sentence have been quashed.

Inquiries in official circles show that once the Governor-General has declared a seat vacant his order must stand but on application the disqualification may be removed by the Governor-General.

PUNJAB MAIL MURDER CASE

BOMBAY, Dec. 3.

The trial of the accused, Abdul Kadir, in the Punjab Mail Murder case, which commenced on November 17 before Mr. K. T. Mangalmurti, Sessions Judge, Khandwa, has concluded. The prosecution examined forty witnesses.

Judgment will be delivered on 8th December.

Punjab Releases Two Satyagrahis

LAHORE, Dec. 3.

The Punjab Government have ordered the premature release of two more "Satyagrahi" prisoners.

One of them is Pandit Neki Rani Sharma, who was convicted under the Defence of India Rules and sentenced to one and a half year's rigorous imprisonment on December 6, 1940. The other is Baldev Singh, son of Thakkar Singh of village Manawana in district Ferozepore, who was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment on June 6, 1941.—A. P.

SIX MONTHS' S. I. FOR SWAMI-DASJI.

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 3.

Maharaj Bhismadasji Swamidasji, who was arrested at Suanand in Ahmedabad District for offering Satyagraha was tried and sentenced to-day to six months' simple imprisonment.—A. P.

Kher To Offer Satyagraha On Dec. 13

Ghatkopar Satyagrahi Still Shouting Slogans

Satyagraha is being offered day after day in the Bombay Suburban District since Saturday last. Mrs. Maniben Parekh against whom no action was taken by the police when she offered satyagraha at Ghatkoper on Saturday last, has been shouting anti-war slogans every morning at Ghatkoper. She has not been arrested so far.

The next satyagrahi from the suburban area is Mr. B. G. Kher, Ex-Premier of Bombay who proposes to offer satyagraha on December 13.

AMIR HYDAR KHAN RE-ARRESTED

Well-known Labour Leader And Member Of B.P.C.C.

Mr. Amir Hydar Khan, the well-known labour leader of Bombay and a member of the B.P.C.C. was released from the Nasik Jail but immediately rearrested and taken back to custody.

It may be recalled that Mr. Amir Hydar was convicted under the Defence Act in connection with a speech he made at Chowpatty on August 6 last year. He was one of the Albert Conspiracy case accused and was for long time detained under the Regulation No. III of 1819. He has also widely travelled over Europe and America and has stayed long in Russia in post-revolution days.

Lokhande Gets 'C' Class For Satyagraha

Mr. Lokhande from Vada offered Satyagraha on Wednesday at Gorha. He was tried at Thana and was sentenced to 4 months' imprisonment. He was given 'C' Class.

R. S. Semlani Arrested

BANDRA: December 1.

The President, Bandra Congress Committee, writes:—

Seth Ratanchand Seahmal Semlani, Hon. Secretary of the Bandra Congress Committee, a leading banker and jeweller, influential merchant and social worker of the Bombay Suburban District and a Councillor of the Bandra Municipality, offered Satyagraha at 8-30 a.m. to-day at the Library Naka, Hill Road, Bandra.

Prior to his offering Satyagraha he was given a hearty send-off in a public meeting where 50 to 60 institutions and individuals garlanded him. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Shantilal Shah, Solicitor, M.L.C. of Khar. The meeting was attended by all sections of the public including Muslims and Christians.

Seth Ratanchand was tried by the First Class Resident Magistrate, Bandra, and was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 500 or in default to undergo four months' simple imprisonment. Seth Ratanchand refused to pay the fine and preferred imprisonment. He was placed in "B" class.

The Shroff Bazars in Bombay, Dadar, Mahim and all the shops in Bandra were closed in his honour.

Satara Detenu Released

(From Our Correspondent).

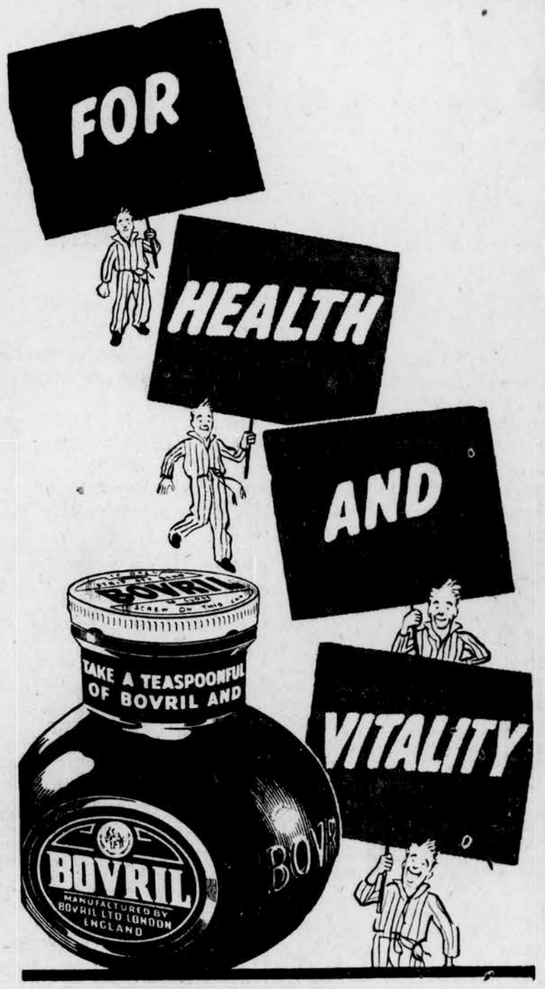
SATARA: December 1.

Mr. G. D. Tapase, Harijan Advocate and Chairman Satara Congress Committee, who was arrested on December 1 last and sent to Nasik Jail (the only Harijan detenu in Maharashtra), was released on Nov. 29. Mr. Tapase, it is understood, has lost 12 lbs in weight, even though he was placed in the 'B' Class.

P. C. Ghosh For Wardha

CALCUTTA, December 3.

Dr. Profulla Chandra Ghosh left for Wardha today by the B.N.R. Bombay Mail to meet Mamatma Gandhi. He returns to Calcutta on December 9.—United Press.



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MUTT AND JEFF—To Say the Least, Jeff Was No Piker, Eh, What? By BUD FISHER

COME ON, YOU SEVEN!
JEFF, JUST WALK OUTSIDE AND SEE IF THE SARGE IS AROUND ANYWHERE!
SURE!
SNAP!
SNAKE EYES! I WIN THAT! COME TO PAPA!
THIS GAME IS DARNED NOISY! I'LL FEEL BETTER WHEN JEFF GETS BACK!
MUTT, I COULDN'T FIND THE SARGE BUT I GOT THE GENERAL!
GUARD HOUSE
Mr Fisher

CHRISTMAS MEETING 2nd DAY

Handicaps For Saturday

The following are the handicaps for the Second Day of the Bombay Christmas Meeting, to be held on Saturday, December 6:—

Windsor Plate: 7 Furls.

National Flag 9/4, Pierrot 9/0, Moot Low 9/0, All Alone (late Glen Loan) 8/11, One in a Million (late MacKann) 8/11, Chanak 8/11, Gloaming 8/9, Cillas 8/7, Scotland for Ever 8/4, Star of Gwalior (late Caxton) 8/4, Old Reliance 8/3, Fire Alarm 8/3, Dancing Comet 8/1, Engaged 8/0, El Morocco 8/0, Ballinahown 7/11, Hot Bun II 7/9, Gay Spaniard 7/7, Golden Arrow 7/4, Nuit-de-Noel 7/4.

Hurstwood Plate: 1-1/4 miles.

Ballinahown 9/4, Glory of Kolhapur 9/0, Avon Song 8/11, Monocle 8/9 Doctrine 8/6, Sitara 8/6, Archmoon 8/4, Shalivanan 8/4, Cavalier 8/0, Golden Arrow 8/0, Monte Carlo 7/4.

Carlisle Plate (Div. I): 6 Furls.

Gipsy Girl 9/0, Mormon 9/0, Paprika 8/9, Spun Glass 8/6, Right Bet 8/6, Little Tim 8/6, Snow White (late Snow Way) 8/6, Ginger Boy 8/5, Clarity 8/0, Sedgefield 8/0, Holly Garth 8/0, So That's That 7/11, Epsapi 7/11.

Carlisle Plate (Div. II): 6 Furls.

Marcheux 9/0, Northern Lights 9/0, Roopkumari (late Parkside) 8/13, The Streamer 8/13, Om Colsoom 8/9, Gone With the Wind 8/9, Albertine 8/8, Autumn Lady 8/6, Chitor 8/6, Masque 8/2, Sharda 8/0, Royal Opera 8/0, Bastion 7/12.

Tenby Plate: 6 Furls.

Vijai Kumari 9/2, Katipo 9/2, Silk Apron 9/2, Miss Vesington 9/0, Enchantress II (late Xantalia) 9/0, Oil Can 8/11, Tiger Kid 8/11, Valentia Jinks 8/9, Sugar Baby 8/7, Loveable 8/4, Honor M. 8/4, Royal Talent 8/0, Lidsdown 8/0, Kamala 7/11, Not Out 7/9, Virmati II 7/7.

Bangalore Plate: 1 mile.

Double Oak 9/7, Turf King 9/0, Lakhpat 9/0, Bell Boy 8/8, Twine 8/4, Amulet 8/2, Red Flower 8/2, Osman Pasha 8/0, Shahenshah 8/0, Fairy Queen 8/0, Bright Lad 7/11, Sammy Brass 7/11, Ishtay 7/9, Marengo 7/7.

Idar Gold Cup: (Terms): 7 Furls.

No Wonder 9/4, Pay Master 9/4, Sheritoy 9/1, Eastern Park 8/11, Chuwai-Chu 8/11, Sunny Dan 8/11, Playwright 8/11, Liberty 8/8, Panorama 8/4, Flower of Gwalior 8/4, Victory 8/4, Money Gold 8/4, Highland Reel 8/4, Highland Heather 8/4, Scottish Star 8/4, Kunigal 8/4, Bevin Boy 8/4, Pierre 8/4, Aussie Girl 8/1, Madam Pompadour (late Queen of Heart) 8/1, Forget-Me-Not 8/1, Highland Lassie 8/1, Alobanmala 8/1, Mehjabin 8/1, Firdouse 8/1, Lupescu 8/1, Church Bell 8/1.

Novice Plate: (Div. I, Terms) 7 Furls.

Poppy Day 9/0, Latiff Hassun 8/12, Center 8/12, Fitful 8/12, Qa'id al Furat 8/11, Sahran 8/11, Jalal Shah 8/11, Piccolo (late Napoleon II) 8/11 Ibn Hilal 8/11, Ushama 8/11, Defiant 8/11, Sulaf Hassun 8/7, School Boy 8/7, Bahnash Sagban 8/7, Patel 8/7, Al Ra'eed 8/7, Hatim Tay 8/7, Kuhailan Anwah 8/7, Prince Machim 8/2, Boonian 8/2, Prince Mahmud 8/2, Sidi Barrani 7/12, Barq al Ilah 7/12, Suez 7/12, Zarina 7/12, Prince Suri 7/12.

The above race will be ridden by Indian Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys. Indian Jockeys will ride on even terms and apprentice Jockeys will be allowed 7 lbs.

Novice Plate: (Div. II), (Terms) ... 7 Furls.

Mujbil Hamid 9/0, Alwar 8/12 Sa'ad Jassim 8/12, Sheriff 8/12, Shaikh Ghamban 8/7, Sagir Dahman 8/7, Sea King 8/7, Mars 8/7, Fighter 8/7, Zamil al Nassr 8/7, Jyoti 8/7, Jaisuri 8/7, Manorama (late Mizaat Khasraj) 8/7, Baroda Figuter (late Barq Dijla) 8/7, Sikandar (late Dajani Ismail) 8/7, Mujahid 8/7, Amiraj 8/7, Sa'ad al Hadba'a 8/7, Long Silk 8/7, Amid al Iraq 8/7, Hilal Salam (late Spitfire in Iraq) 8/7, Iraq Marshal 8/1, Shakib (late Shakib Ehallal) 8/1, Arab Shah 7/12, Jarir 7/12, Riman (late Lion Tamer in Iraq) 7/6, Umeim 7/6.

The above race will be ridden by Half Jockeys, Riding Boys and Apprentice Jockeys. Half Jockeys and Riding Boys will ride on even terms and Apprentice Jockeys, who have not ridden 5 winners, will be allowed 7 lbs.

Badminton In Mahim

C. Gomes and R. Pereira were in good form on Wednesday morning when they beat B. N. Nayampalli and partner in two straight sets in the Greater Bombay Badminton Championships that are being played on the outdoor courts of the Woodland Sports Club, Mahim. It was a close tussle as the scores indicate.

The result of Wednesday's games were:—

(A) GENT'S DOBULES:—C. Gomes and R. Pereira beat B. N. Nayampalli and partner: 15—12, 15—13; M. dos Santos and S. Godinho beat V C S Nair and K P Gopinath: 15—0, 15—2; (B). GENT'S SINGLES:—Ramnath w.o. C V Contractor.

Fixtures for Friday are as follows:—(A) GENT'S SINGLES:—K P Kesari versus S Dinker Rao, R G Karnard versus L Gomes, C B Kalappa versus Ramnath (B)—MIXED DOUBLES:—Joveniano and partner versus D Pontis and Miss I Braganza.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS.

Three Games were decided on Tuesday in the Greater Bombay Badminton Championships conducted by the Woodlands Sports Club, Mahim, on their outdoor courts adjoining the Club House. Mrs Noguer and Mrs Fazelbhoy beat Miss B Craig and Miss Jog in the straight sets. Misses Craig and Jog fought gamely but Mrs Noguer's drop shots proved insurmountable factors. W Meneze, and M M Pai put up a plucky fight against Leslie Pereira and E J Carvalho. Down by 4 points, they drew level at 9-9 but after that succumbed to superior opponents. Dinker Rao eliminated K M Nair easily Nair looked as if he had not practised for some time.

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CALCUTTA RACES

CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.

The extra day of the Calcutta races held in aid of the War Fund Week was very well attended, and it is expected that a worthy contribution will be made by The Turf Club to the War Fund.

It was an enjoyable afternoon's sport which the public spent although only two favourites won in a card of seven events.

The principal race of the day was The Lady Mary Herbert Cup, which Mr. N. D. Bagree presented for horses in class III, and was won by Mr. Justice jointly owned by Mrs. Hosie and Mrs. Goswell. The Lady Mary Herbert presented the cup of the owners.

There was a rousing cheer from the public when the Lady Mary Herbert led in Nusiter Mus which annexed the Malta Plate from Tavern. It was a great race with a rousing Finish. C. Bloss had a day out, saddling three winners, all of which were ridden by Sharp.—A. P.

The following are to-day's race results:—

ATLANTIC HURDLE. Plate distance 1-1/2 miles.
Mr J Morshead LOUGH SWILLY 9/0, Ralston 1
Mr. G. Mcelligot LEMANAGHAN 10/12, Smart 2
Mrs A D Pegg APPLE CART 10/11, Scarlett 3
N A H Chrostoron ADAM 9/0 Sharp 4
Tote paid Rs. 97/8 for win, Rs. 40 and Rs. 42/8 for places.

THE MALTA PLATE Division I. Distance 7 Furlongs.
Mr. A O Brown DELWILL 7/8, Sharp
Mrs Alex A Apcar (Jr) ROYAL ALLIANCE 8/12, Carr 2
Mr Robin Mookerjee BIRTH TOKEN 7/4, Higson 3
Messrs R Chmamaria and S K Bhatter GRINGO 8/2, Whiteside ... 4
Tote paid Rs. 64 for win, Rs. 20/8, Rs. 17/8 and Rs. 19/8 for places.

THE MALTA PLATE Division II. Distance 7 Furlongs.
The Lady Mary Herbert NUSITER MUS 9/4, Sharp 1
Mrs M T Wheeler TAVERN 8/12 Walsh 2
Mrs R Gujadhur BETTINA 9/0, Carr 3
Mr. R Chamaria AMARCHE 7/9, Foy 4
Tote paid Rs. 37/8 for win, Rs. 15, Rs. 13 and Rs. 17/8 for places.

THE LADY MARY HERBERT WAR FUND CUP. Distance 1-1/4 miles.
Mrs J H Goswell and Mrs A L Hosie MR JUSTICE 7/13, Adley ... 1
Messrs Pannick and F C J Steuart GARRYLANS 7/10 Lott 2
Mr R R Haddow SOLIDIUM 8/8, Sharp 3
Mr W Withall BUZBURY 8/6, Foy. 4
Tote paid Rs. 74 for win, Rs. 28, Rs. 27/8 and Rs. 33/8 for places.

THE MATAPAN PLATE. Distance 7 Furlongs.
Messrs G V Lloydand S E L Milne Robertson TRACEDOR 8/4, Ermer 1
Mr Akbbar Gujadhar DIGHTENA 8/13 Carr 2
Mr Ackbar Gujadhar LEGENDARY 8/0, Tyres 3
Mr N D Bagree CIVIC GUARD 9/4, Morley ... 4
Tote paid Rs. 25 for win, Rs. 16 and Rs. 25/8 for places. H

THE GULF PLATE. Distance 1-1/4 miles
Mr R R Haddow LAPFORD 9/4, Sharp 1
Mr R R Haddow HIGH SOCIETY 7/7, Higson 2
The Lady Mary Herbert FLICKERMOUSE 9/2, Marrs ... 3
Messrs. A Chamaraa S K Bhatter and K Charman CUTTING RAIN 8/5, Whiteside ... 4
Tote paid Rs. 54 for win, Rs. 31 Rs. 45 and Rs. 22/8 for places.

THE PALESTINE SELLING PLATE. Distance 6 Furlongs.
Mr E Springfield GAZIQUE 7/4, Higson 1
Mr A Higgins BEN BRAGGIE 9/7, Smart 2
Mr. N H ckl MARCIA 8/13, Marrs. 3
Messrs S MEllani and Trioki Na-BOEALMA 7/6, Peacock ... 4
Tote paid Rs. 63 for win, Rs. 16, Rs. 16 and Rs. 17 for places.

Lahore Race Results

LAHORE: Dec. 3.

Luck was again on the side of bookmakers when three outsiders won in a card of five events on the third day of the Lahore Autumn Meeting this afternoon.

Purtoo Singh, rider of "Venture," a well-backed horse in the Coleyana Plate, was thrown from his mount, but was lucky to escape injury.

Following are the results of to-day's Lahore Races:—

THE DONCASTER PLATE—Distance about 7 furlongs.
Mrs. W.F.J. Davis and Capt. R.B. Kennard's FEARLESS PRINCE 8/6, Roburgh 1
Major Lord Kensington's BRACES 9/4, Tymon 2
Tote paid Rs. 5 for win.

THE SIALKOT HURDLES—Distance about 2 miles.
Mr. J.P.S. Pearson's COSTER BOY 11/0 Capt J.P.S. Pearson 1
Capt. M. Yusuf Khan and M. Sazai Khan's BIBI 10/9, Khan Mohd. 2
Capt. R.B. Kennard's OL OAK 10/8, Capt. R.B. Kennard 3
Tote paid Rs. 11 for win.

THE COLEYANA PLATE—Distance about 5 furlongs.
Mr. Akhmad Shah's BOLD SUN 8/5, Laloo 1
His Holiness Maharaj Pertap Singh's BAKSHI 8/10, L. Holland 2
Mrs. Sydney-Smith's NAUGHTY BOY 9/2, J. Tymon 3
Capt. P. Banyard's NICETY 9/4, S. Field 4
Tote paid Rs. 20 for win and Rs. 9 and Rs. 6 for places.

THE GANGES PLATE (Div. I)—Distance about 5 furlongs.
Mrs. W. F. J Davis and Capt. R.B. Kennard's BAY MINETTE 8/12, R. Bell 1
The Hon. Major Nawabzada Khizar Hyat Khan BARMAID 8/6, Roxburgh ... 2
Mr. Ghulam Nabi's RASHID 9/4, Laloo ... 3
Messrs. D. Bakhshi and Hari Rajsingh's HUNTRESS 8/13, Mohd. Jamal 4
Tote paid Rs. 23 for win and Rs. 8 and Rs. 6 for places.

THE GANGES PLATE (Div. II)—Distance 5 furlongs.
Nawab Sir Mehr Shah's FOOLS, 8/13, J. Tyron. 1
Mr. Girdharilal's JULLUNDUR 8/12, Laloo 2
Mrs. S.P. Golton and Mr. Ranjit Rai's BEAU JOR 7/2, L. Holland 3
Mr. Ghulam Nabi's JANUS 7/13, Mohammed Din II 4
Tote paid Rs. 30 for win; Rs. 7, Rs. 6 and Rs. 7 for places.—A.P.

Surreys Win Scindia Gold Cup

GWALIOR, Dec. 3.

The Scindia Gold Cup Hockey Tournament concluded last evening when Survey Eleven "A" beat Bhopal Electric Supply by two goals to nil.

"The Gold Cup and other prizes were given away by Rajamantrapravin S P Rajagoplachari, Home Minister.

Pilot Dies In Hospital

CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.

The pilot of the R. A. F. plane which crashed in Burra Bazar area on Monday, while giving a mock dive-bombing demonstration, died in hospital to-day. The observer, who was also injured, is progressing.—A. P.

BONUS TO COTTON TEXTILE WORKERS

Bombay Millowners' Association's Decision

It will be recalled that, at the time of the general strike in the textile industry in Bombay in 1940, the Government of Bombay had enquired of the Millowners' Association, Bombay, whether it was willing to give an undertaking to the Government that the millowners would be prepared to give a war bonus to their workers if increased profits were made by the industry as a result of war conditions, as soon as the extent of these profits had been determined.

The Government has, for some time past, been aware of the increasing desire of textile workers to be given an adequate share in the improved trading conditions of the industry resulting from the war, and that the question was also receiving the consideration of the millowners. The Government accordingly decided that the present moment was an opportune one to take up the question again with the representatives of the Millowners' Association, Bombay, and as a result of the discussions, is now pleased to announce that the Association has decided that its Cotton Mill Members in the City and Island of Bombay shall grant to their workers a cash bonus equivalent to 12½ per cent of, or two annas in the rupee on, their actual earnings (exclusive of dearness allowance) in the period from January 1 to December 31, 1941. The details regarding the payment of this bonus are being worked out and will be announced shortly.

The Government desires to record its appreciation of the readiness of the Millowners' Association, Bombay, to recognise its obligations to labour and its own view that the bonus now announced is fair and reasonable.

CONCERT IN AID OF DETENUS

Mr. N. M. Joshi, Chairman, and Messrs. V. L. Mehta, S. A. Brelvi and N. H Pandia, members of the Detenu Aid Committee, have issued the following appeal:—

There are over 1,000 patriotic sons and daughters of India who are to-day languishing as detenus inside ordinary prisons and special camps. The deplorable condition to which they are subjected are well-known to the public by now. Through the report of Mr. N. M. Joshi on the Camp at Deoli, recently published, we have drawn the attention of all Indians to these conditions. It is urgent that we must do everything in our power to help these men and women whose only fault is that they desire the freedom of their people.

Besides bringing political pressure to bear upon the Government to get them to improve the conditions of the detenus, it is necessary that we should render whatever financial assistance that may be necessary to the needy families of the detenus and to the detenus themselves who may be ill or who may otherwise need some cash and necessary articles in prison. The Detenu Aid Committee appointed by the Bombay Civil Liberties Union has already made an appeal to the public for Rs. 5,000/- as the minimum amount necessary for our requirements.

The Committee is organising a variety entertainment on the 13th December, 1941 at Bai Sunderbai Hall, Queen's Rotd, in aid of the fund. Popular well-known artists and students have consented to give various dance and musical items. The function would be a unique one, both from the point of view of fine entertainment provided and from the point of view of justice and urgency of the cause.

We appeal to the public to give their full support to the Detenu Aid Fund. Contributions may be sent to and tickets may be had from Miss Kamal Wagle, Servants of India Society, Sandhurst Road, Bombay 4.

MAHASABHA R. C. PREPARES FOR EMERGENCY

(From Our Correspondent.)

PATNA, Dec. 3.

The reception Committee of the Mahasabha's next annual session at Bhagalpur has been dissolved and a dictator with a Council of Action has been appointed instead, says a report from Bhagalpur.

This decision was arrived at the meeting of the Working Committee of the Reception Committee at Bhagalpur to-day, in view of Government's determination not to lift the ban on the session.

SESSIONS OF CENTRAL LEGISLATURES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

The budget session of the Central Assembly is to begin on February 11. The railway budget is to be presented on February 18. General discussion on it is put down for 23rd and voting on 26th and 27th. The general budget is to be presented on the 28th; general discussion on it is fixed for March 4 and voting for March 7, 8 and 9, February 12, 9 and March 1 are allotted for non-official resolutions and February 14, March 24 and April 2 for non-official bills.

The Council of State will begin on February 18.—A. P.

'BOMBS HIT' "PATRIKA" OFFICE

Mock Air Attack On Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.

For the first time a mock air attack arranged over Calcutta this morning by the Military authorities. A large number of military aircrait participated. The attack was preceded by the sounding of sirens. The area of operations was confined to three police stations in North Calcutta.

The "Amrita Bazar Patrika" office at Baghbazar was hit by 'high explosive bombs' and there were some 'casualties'.

The Bartala police station was hit by 'unexploded bombs' while the Jorabagan police station was attacked by "incendiary bombs". The latter police station caught fire which was extinguished immediately. There were a few "casualties" here also.

The police, A.R.P., workers and Civic Guards participated in the exercise. The vehicles on the streets were not stopped, but they were diverted to the 'unaffected areas.'—United Press.

Govt. House News

BOMBAY, December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Mackenzie arrived at Government House.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley gave a small cocktail party at Government House. —A. P.

ACQUITTAL OF RAPE ON REVIEW

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Wadia and Mr. Justice Wassoodew).

Emperor v. 1. Mahadeo Tatya, 2. Khandu Kashiram: Accused.

The first accused, who was a Police constable, had been convicted by Mr. Justice Kania on 3rd February 1941 with having on 31st July 1940, committed rape upon a young married girl under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code and the second accused with having cheated her of her ornaments and goods within Section 420 of the same Code.

The complainant girl was selling ghee near the seashore at Mahaluxmi when the first accused, who was on police duty, approached her and negotiated a bargain for ghee at 12 annas, but as there was no vessel, sent her to his room with the second accused who was an umbrella repairer. The first accused followed them later on and the prosecution case was that inside his room he raped her after sending away the second accused and other inmates of the room. He then asked the second accused to leave her at Mahaluxmi Railway Station. On the way the second accused advised her to hand over her ornaments and goods to him for safe custody lest she might be robbed by mawalis. She did so and later on he ran away. She was found by another Police constable weeping and bit by bit she narrated the facts, on which the two accused were charged. The Jury by a majority of 8 to 1 found the first accused guilty of rape and Mr. Justice Kania sentenced him to transportation for life. The jury found the second accused unanimously guilty of cheating and was sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment.

On 25th August 1941 the Advocate-General granted a certificate under clause 26 of the Letters Patent of the High Court that by reason of misjoinder of charges, illegal exclusion of evidence of first information report, for cross-examination of complainant, the non-director to jury that in rape cases in order to sustain a conviction the evidence of the complainant needed corroboration and the severity of the sentence the case ought to be reviewed.

On a review their Lordships held that the sentence of transportation for life was unheard of in rape cases and was indefensible. Their Lordships further held that, where rape was denied the Court would insist on corroboration, e.g. medical evidence, seminal stains and subsequent conduct. The nature of corroboration would depend upon the facts of each case. In this case there was no corroboration and the subsequent conduct in not charging rape at the first opportunity was not convincing. The judge had failed to direct the jury that it was their duty not to convict the accused on the uncorroborated evidence of the complainant, because the experience of the courts showed that such evidence was unreliable. Their Lordships distinguished Calcutta cases on the ground that they merely laid down that the evidence of a complainant in a rape case did not require the same corroboration as the evidence of an accomplice. Their Lordships, therefore, set aside the conviction of the first accused and ordered him to be acquitted, while maintaining the conviction of the second accused.

Mr. S. G. Velinker with Mr. M. M. Desai instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the Crown.

Mr. S. D. Vimadalal defended the accused.

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Roosevelt Wants Unequivocal Reply To Query

NOMURA STILL HOPING FOR 'CHANCE OF SUCCESS' OF NEGOTIATIONS

Arrival Of Spearhead Of Br. Navy Evokes Considerable Enthusiasm

WASHINGTON Dec. 2.

The Japanese envoys Mr. Kurusu and Admiral Nomura called on Mr. Sumner Welles at the State Department on Tuesday.

The Japanese reply to Mr. Cordell Hull's note has still not been received in Washington. The note is still being given weighty consideration, Admiral Nomura said.

Both the envoys stressed that Japan was anxious to continue the conversations and hold an open door for a settlement

Admiral Nomura when asked whether he still thought there was a chance of success, replied, "Yes, I don't give up so easily. Nobody wants war—war would not settle anything anyway".

Roosevelt Expects Jap. Reply Soon

President Roosevelt disclosed at a press conference that the United States Government had asked Japan the purpose of increasing Japanese armed forces in French Indo-China.

President Roosevelt had indicated clearly that a satisfactory answer was essential to a successful conclusion of the negotiations between the two Governments looking towards peace in the whole Pacific area.

President Roosevelt said it was hoped that an answer would be received soon to the enquiry regarding Japan's purpose and future intentions, but no time limit had been set for the reply.

President Roosevelt indicated that some progress had been made in the discussions with the Japanese emissaries.

British Eastern Fleet

Reuter's special correspondent in Singapore writes:

"The fleet is here"—the word spread around Singapore as soon as the spearhead of the British fleet which arrived here on Tuesday steamed majestically within sight of Singapore's waterfront in the afternoon.

Scenes of unparalleled enthusiasm swept the town. Regular soldiers, mobilised volunteers and civilians broke into unrestrained cheers when they heard the news. The news was taken as meaning not only that Britain means business out here but that she has the wherewithal for it.

Although the composition and dispositions of the entire Eastern Fleet cannot be divulged it is authoritatively stated here that the Eastern Fleet consists of a number of heavy ships and the necessary auxiliaries. Some units of it including the flag ship, have actually arrived in Singapore."

Admiral Sir Tom Phillips the new Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet, is flying his flag in "Prince of Wales", Britain's newest 35,000 ton battleship on whose decks Mr. Churchill met President Roosevelt at their famous Atlantic meeting.

Mechanised Column In Burma

RANGOON, Dec. 1. (Delayed).

One of the largest columns of modern military vehicles ever seen in Burma, which assembled here last week-end, left the capital to-day to serve with troops already at the different defence centres in Burma with vehicles, all of new and latest type, used by the British armies now fighting in other countries. They include mobile workshops, mobile transport field-signals, medical and ambulance trucks and supply and tank wagons. This column is a part of full equipment brought from India by important reinforcements of troops which arrived last week-end.—A. P.

Axis Supply Ship Sunk By Greek Submarine

LONDON, Dec. 3.

Activity by the Greek submarine "Glaukos" which patrolling off Heraklion (Crete) resulted in an almost certain sinking of an Axis supply ship, according to a communique issued by the Greek Government.—Reuter.

NO NEED TO EVACUATE PHILIPPINES

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.

"The arrival of British war ships in Singapore headed by the battleship "Prince of Wales" transforms the whole strategic position in the Far East and the political situation," declares the "New York Herald Tribune" editorially to-day. "We are no longer in those days when American strategy visaged a Pacific war beginning with the evacuation of the Philippines."

The "Herald Tribune" points out that the naval and air strength in the Far East of the A.B.C.D. front—America, Britain, China, and the Dutch East Indies—would now make "further agression a matter of the utmost peril to Japan."

But this is only true if the strategy of all the Four Powers is united into a single whole. Could these Powers be divided, the whole position would fall into harmless fragments. Surely the lessons learned with so much agony in Europe need not be laboured in respect of the Far East."

Sedition Trial At Trieste

Alleged Attempt On Life Of Il Duce By Pro-Soviet Slavs

BERLIN, Dec. 3.

Seventy-one persons were accused of seditions and anti-national activity at a trial which began at Trieste yesterday.

A dispatch to the German official news agency states that the trial began with the examination of Sossi leader of a students revolutionary movement and of Milan Bolsi, both of whom pleaded guilty. Reading of the indictment revealed the existence of a widespread conspiracy "under the direct or indirect influence of foreign Powers."

There are proofs to show, states the German agency despatch, that the organisation planned an attempt on Mussolini's life in 1939 during his visit to Caporetto, "an attempt which did not come off by a sheer miracle." The conspiracy is stated to have included Democrats, Liberals, Communists and Terrorists. The Communists almed it is stated at a Soviet Republic to include all Slavs living in Italy and Yugoslavia.

Eleven of the accused remain at large. The trial continues today.—Reuter.

DEPUTY C.-IN-C. IN RANGOON

RANGOON, Dec. 1. (Delayed.)

General Sir Thomas Blamey, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, has arrived here from Australia.—A. P.

JAPANESE TO QUIT MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.

The Japanese Minister, Mr Miura, said that he has asked the Japanese Government to have the "Tatuta Maru" call at Manzanillo in Mexico in order to embark Japanese nationals who fear that Mexico may be drawn with the United States into a conflict with Japan.

Mr. Miura declared that forty Japanese businessmen here have notified the Legation that they desired transportation immediately.—Reuter.

Roosevelt's Questions To Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.

President Roosevelt has asked Japan some questions and expects a prompt reply, Mr. Sumner Welles told a Press Conference, adding that the questions did not constitute an ultimatum.

New Hostel For Girls In Baroda

BARODA, Dec. 2.

The Government have accepted with thanks a donation of Rs 1,50,000 by Sheth Mafatlal Gagalbhai towards a building to serve as a hostel for girl students

The hostel will accommodate the girl students reading in the Baroda College, Shree Maharani Girl's High School and Training College for women with all necessary facilities for study, recreation and sanitation

The annual expenses of running the institution will be borne by the Government. The building will be known as the "Pransukhlal Building" in memory of the donor's son.

Supply Officers Suspended —Not Arrested

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3.

It transpires that the officer of the Supply Department from whose office the police recovered currency notes alleged to be counter-signed by a local Magistrate and intended as illegal gratification, has not been arrested.

It appears the police will obtain permission for his arrest after investigation and application to the Head of the Department. He has been suspended.—United Press.

B. P. S. F. Conference At Ahmedabad

Mian Iftikharuddin Invited To Preside

Mr. P. Sanzgiri, General Secretary of Bombay Presidency Students' Federation, writes:—

"The Fifth Bombay Presidency Students' Conference will be held at Ahmedabad on December 21, and 22. Mian Iftikharuddin, President, Punjab P.C.C., has been invited to preside. More than 30 Students' Unions will be represented at the Conference.

The growing strength of the B.P.S.F. is reflected in this number of Unions. The membership is also expected to show a rise to more than 10,000.

Delegates will be coming from every part of the Province.

The Ahmedabad Students' Union has formed the Reception Committee, with Mr. Z. M. Kadri as the Chairman. A large number of students have already been enrolled as members.

Election Of Delegates In City

Mr. Arvind Mehta of the Bombay Students' Union, writes:

"Election of Delegates from Bombay Students' Union to the B.P.S.F. Conference at Ahmedabad and A.I.S.F. Conference at Patna, will be held in the office of the Union, 38, Harvey Road, Chowpatti, on Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m.

Nomination papers should be submitted to the Gen. Secretary on or before 8 p.m. on 5th December.

City Conference

Miss J. Manjeri and Messrs. H. P. Patel and P. B. Hudlikar, Jt. Secretaries of Reception Committee of the Third All Bombay Students' Conference which will be held on December 13 and 14 in the city, writes:—

"The election of the Subjects Committee of the Conference will be held on December 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. Nomination papers should be submitted to the office on or before 8 p.m. on December 9. One Subjects Committee will be elected per every 25 delegates."

Nation—Not Individuals Demand It

Freedom Of Speech Issue Raised By Central M.L.A. In Call For Interview By Governor

Seth Govind Das, MLA (Central), has issued the following correspondence:—

CALL FOR INTERVIEW.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jubbulpore.

D. O. No. C/311

Jubbulpore, 28th Novr. 1941.

Dear Seth Govind Das,

Would you please let me know whether you desire an interview with His Excellency the Governor at his forthcoming visit to Jubbulpore? The date would probably be the 4th or 5th December at about 10 or 10-30 a.m. but details will be supplied to you later if you desire an interview. Would you please let me know if there is any special point which you wish to bring to H. E.'s notice if he grants you an interview? I should be grateful for an early reply.

Yours sincerely,
N. K. PATERSON.

To

Seth Govind Das, MLA.
Gopal Bagh,
Jubbulpore.

NO PURPOSE WILL BE SERVED.

Gopal Bagh,
JUBBULPORE,
1st December 1941.

Dear Mr. Paterson,

Thanks for your D. O. No. C/311 of the 28th ultimo. Under the present political situation in the country the question of my interviewing the Governor does not arise. You and the Government are well aware of the fact that Satyagraha Movement is going on behalf of the Indian National Congress, under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, for freedom of speech. So long as this movement goes on no one should expect a Congressman to see the Governor.

I understand that you have addressed this communication to me in my capacity as a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly. But under the circumstances mentioned above no useful purpose can be served by any Congress, MLA seeking an interview with the Governor. The only special point which he can bring to the Governor's notice can be regarding the freedom of speech. It is an all-India-issue and can only be settled between Mahatma Gandhi and the Viceroy the latter requesting Gandhiji to see him on behalf of the Indian National Congress.

In the absence of such an interview and settlement, opportunities given to any individuals of freedom of speech in private interviews will be of no avail.

Yours sincerely,
GOVIND DAS.

N. K. Paterson Esquire, ICS.
Dupty Commissioner,
JUBBULPORE.

DEFENCE COUNCIL SESSION ENDS

NEW DELHI, December 3.

The final session of the second meeting of the National Defence Council took place today. The morning was devoted to a review by H.E. the Commander-in-Chief of the general military position, both as immediately affecting India and in its more general aspects. A full discussion followed.

On the conclusion of the Commander-in-Chief's statement, the Right Hon. Sir Akbar Hydari, Member-in-Charge, Information and Broadcasting, explained to the National Defence Council the various developments that had taken place in connection with the work of his department, the organisation of propaganda, publicity in connection with war effort, etc.

After luncheon, which was taken with Their Excellencies in the Viceroy's house, a discussion proceeded on certain specific questions which had been raised by individual members of the Council, at the conclusion of which the Council closed its second meeting.

Cinema films to illustrate Indian war effort were shown to members of the Council, who, on the invitation of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, were afterwards present at a tea party which he and Lady Wavell were giving for wounded Indian soldiers.—A. P.

Defence Consultative Committee To Visit Middle East

POONA, December 3.

It is understood that there is a possibility of the members of the Defence Consultative Committee being asked to visit theatres of war in the Middle East where a number of Indian troops are serving. The visit, it is learnt, will probably come off early during the new year.—A. P.

Wounded Indian Soldiers In C.-in-C.'s House

NEW DELHI, December 3.

Over a hundred sick and wounded Indian soldiers from the Indian Military Hospital, New Delhi Cantonment, were entertained by Lady Wavell at the Commander-in-Chief's house this afternoon.

Arriving at about three, accompanied by nurses and orderlies, the men enjoyed a hilarious hour with a conjurer whose efforts to explain his tricks gave them almost as much amusement as the tricks themselves.

A large number of men, some of whom were on crutches, had only recently returned from the Middle East where they had been wounded in the fighting in the Western Desert and elsewhere, and they obviously greatly enjoyed their afternoon's outing.

After the conjuring display in the gardens the party adjourned to the Commander-in-Chief's house for tea, being joined at this stage by the Commander-in-Chief and members of the National Defence Council. The party was also attended by wives of principal staff officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force.—A. P.

Adviser Madan At Rajapur

Narayanrao Topiwalla Agricultural School-Naming Ceremony

(From A Correspondent)

RAJAPUR, Nov. 30.

Mr. J. A. Madan, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, arrived here along with the Commissioner, S. D. on the 29th inst., and was received at the Dak bunglow by the Collector of Ratnagiri, Rao Saheb Kulkarni, Principal, and some members of the Muslim Education Society. The Adviser paid a visit to the Rajapur High School in the afternoon.

The Adviser paid a flying visit to the local Urdu School and then drove to the Agricultural School of the Mandal, where he was taken round the School and Farm, by Rao Saheb Kulkarni, Principal. The Adviser was much pleased to see the various agricultural operations and allied activities like weaving, bee-keeping, poultry-farming, fruit-canning carried on by the students there. He was then taken to the pandal, which was specially erected for the occasion.

MANDAL'S ACTIVITIES

Mr. Pitre, Chairman of the Mandal, read out the address, containing a short account of the educational efforts of the Mandal, with a special reference to the recent phenomenal development of the Agricultural School.

The address mentioned with gratitude the generous donation of Rs. 10,000 recently given to the Agricultural School by Shreemant Motiramshet Desai Topiwalla of Bombay on the condition that the School be named after his late father Narayanrao Topiwalla. It was then presented to the Adviser in a beautiful silver casket.

In the course of his reply to the address, the Adviser paid a tribute to the Management for having realised the importance of physical and industrial education, and hoped that they would not fail to make provision for Technical and Mechanical education.

BENEFITS OF IDEAL SCHOOL

Referring to the various activities of the Agricultural School, the Adviser remarked: "This is no doubt an ideal School, combining in itself tuition in agriculture, horticulture, village crafts and cottage industries, which are most suited to the Ratnagiri District, and which, if taken advantage of, will go a long way in solving the problem of poverty in this District'. Mr. Madan paid a high compliment to the constructive genius and successful educational activities of Rao Saheb Kulkarni.

The Adviser concluded with a fervent appeal to the public to help such useful institutions and declared, that the School should thereafter be named as "Narayanrao Topiwalla Agricultural School, Rajapur".

Br. Minister In Kabul

QUETTA, Dec. 3.

Sir Francis Wylie, the British Minister in Kabul, arrived in Quetta yesterday. Lady Wylie also arrived yesterday from England.—A. P.

BR. AIRWAYS' CHIEF FOR SINGAPORE

CALCUTTA, Dec. 3.

The Hon. Mr. W. L. Runciman, Director-General of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, who arrived in Calcutta on Monday, has left for Singapore.—A. P.

Hindustan Scouts Annual Rally

Mr. B. G. Kher, who presided, inspecting (Left) Girl guides of the Association at Gowalia Tank maidan on Sunday. Right: Mr. Kher watching cooking demonstration by Girl Guides.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day:

CHARLIE CHAN — A PLEA FOR THE POLICE — By ALFRED ANDRIOLA

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ALFRED ANDRIOLA
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